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James R. Kearl, professor of economics and assistant to the president - BYU Jerusalem Center, will speak at today's Devotional at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

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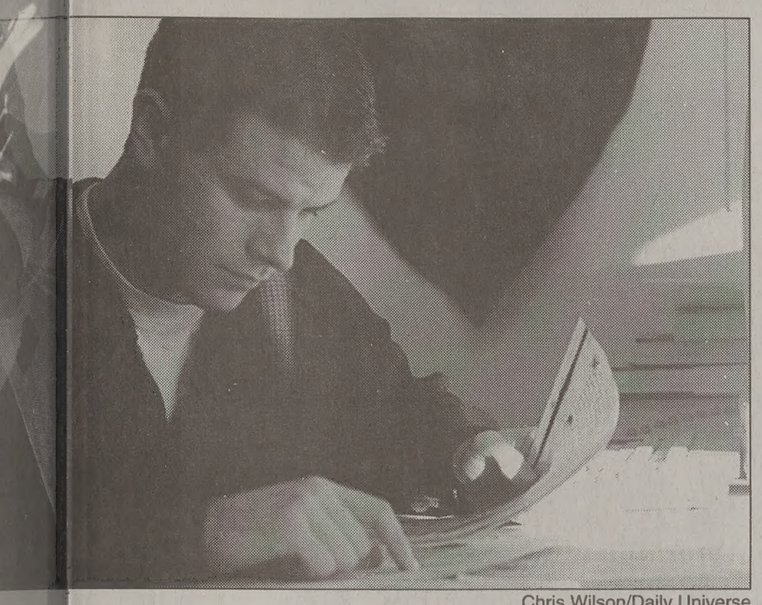

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...nas, a BYU professor of ...d working with Rowberry as the supervisor for the project has been a good experience.

"He has proven himself both as a researcher, administrator and as a student. The Rhodes honor is given to those people who will make a difference ... and Ryan is one of those people," Thomas said.

He said Rowberry's fellow students describe him as down-to-earth and always willing to help out fellow students.

Duane Bullough was the mission president of the Germay Hamburg Mission where Rowberry served. Bullough submitted one of the recommendations for Rowberry's application. He said that during Rowberry's mission, they opened a new city for missionary work.

Bullough knew of Rowberry's good communication skills and sent him to open it up. He got along so well with the mayor of that city that the mayor asked if he could sell LDS tapes and invited Rowberry to his personal yacht.

"He is a self-starter; he doesn't need to be checked up on. He trained about 13 missionaries a month and was just a great teacher," Bullough said.

The Rhodes Scholarship has certain requirements and criteria for selection: applicants cannot be over 23 years old as of Oct. 1 when they

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Viruses sneaking into Y

Computer labs experiencing headaches

By PHILLIP STAHLE
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Wazzu, Bubba, Groovie, Gazelle and BackOrifice.

These are just a few of the thousands of computer viruses costing individuals their time, client respect and money. Computer administrators have found these viruses in computer labs on BYU's campus.

Nyle Elison, BYU's microcomputer support manager, has seen the effects of computer viruses first-hand and deals with their prevention.

"Ignorance is practically the biggest problem. People don't want to worry about viruses until a virus affects them personally."

Look around; it's easy to find disgruntled students, faculty and administrators who have lost their work and been prey to annoying computer viruses.

Elison said the best defense against becoming a virus victim is to avoid all Internet connections and to avoid use of any computer other than your own. Complete isolation in a computer-invested world is the best defense, but unfortunately not a very practical one in a technology-based society.

James Stallings, 21, a sophomore from Twin Falls, Idaho, majoring in communications, has become displeased because of his multiple encounters with computer-lab viruses on the BYU campus.

"I urge students to be wary and the administration or whoever is responsible to correct the problems and make our computer labs a safer place to compute. Let's vaccinate BYU," Stallings said.

Although vaccinating BYU sounds simple enough, it is a difficult process. Not all the labs on campus answer to university computer services. Some labs are products of the individual departments. Therefore, each has its own policies and procedures

For example, some labs have extensive virus-control software, while others have little or none at all. Getting the labs to adopt a universal policy on computer viruses is less a technical problem than it is a political one between departments.

University Computing Services has just switched its virus software over to eSafe's Virusafe 8.0 after fighting the annoying groovie virus. This virus renames the harddrive to "groovie" and removes Visual Basic from PC systems. After groovie is established in the computer, all macros are lost from Word documents and the ability to create macros is lost.

Viruses are divided into four main categories: boot sector viruses, exe. or program viruses, macro viruses and worms.

Mark Fitzgerald, BYU systems administrator and computer support, said, "We mainly see boot sector and macro viruses."

Boot sector viruses affect the start-up systems of the computer. The virus can only be transferred if a disk is inside the a: drive while the computer

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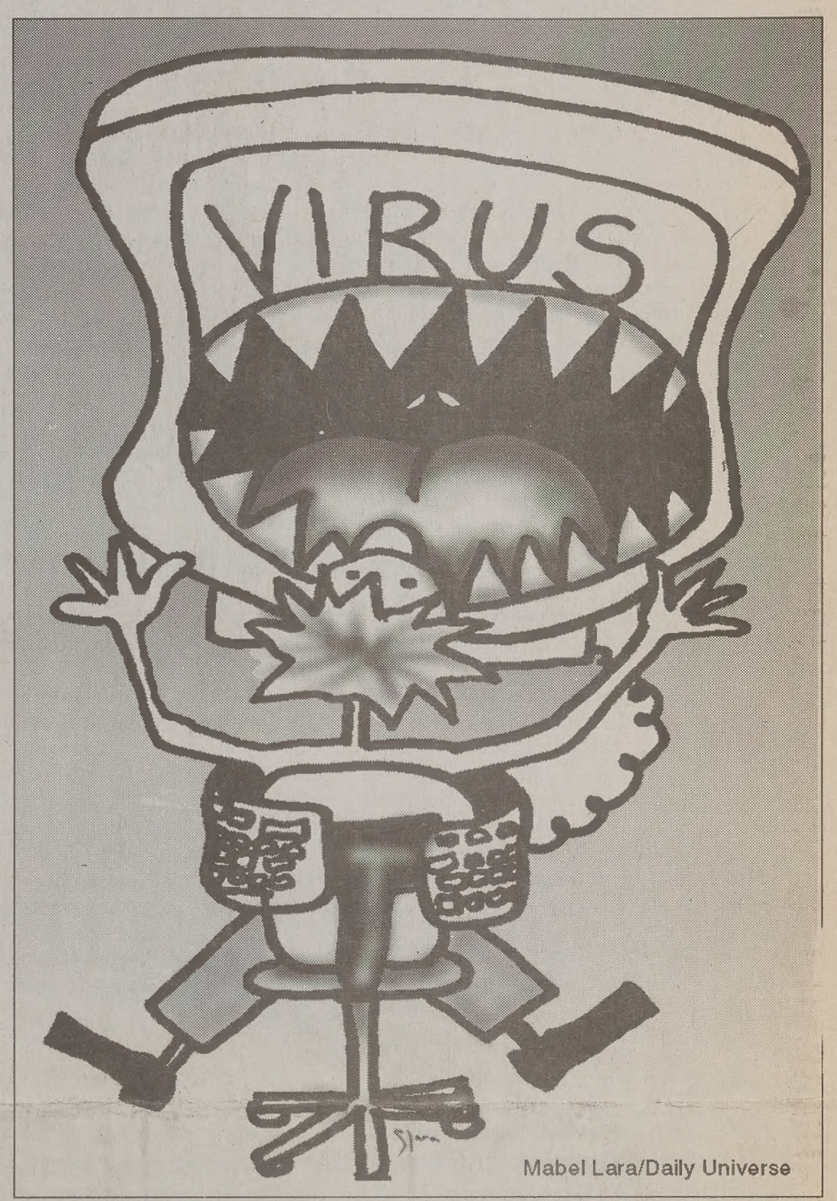

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Yeltsin fires several top officials

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin roused himself from his sickbed for three hours Monday, fired several of his top aides and then returned to a Kremlin hospital where he is recuperating from pneumonia.

It was a classic performance from the ailing Russian president, who rarely seems so energized as when he is firing someone. The dismissed aides included officials who had commented recently on the president's poor health.

"You can see how vigorous I am," Yeltsin told his staff as he delivered the news, according to presidential spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin.

Among those fired was Presidential Chief of Staff Valentin Yumashev, one of Yeltsin's closest and most loyal aides. A former journalist who was the ghost-writer of Yeltsin's memoirs, Yumashev had served as chief of staff for nearly two years — an eternity in Yeltsin's Kremlin.

"The president has found a way to revitalize his staff — by firing it," observed Alexander Shokhin, leader of the pro-government bloc in parliament and, until recently, a steady Yeltsin ally.

Shown on television, Yeltsin appeared animated and robust as he scowled and delivered one of his patented tirades.

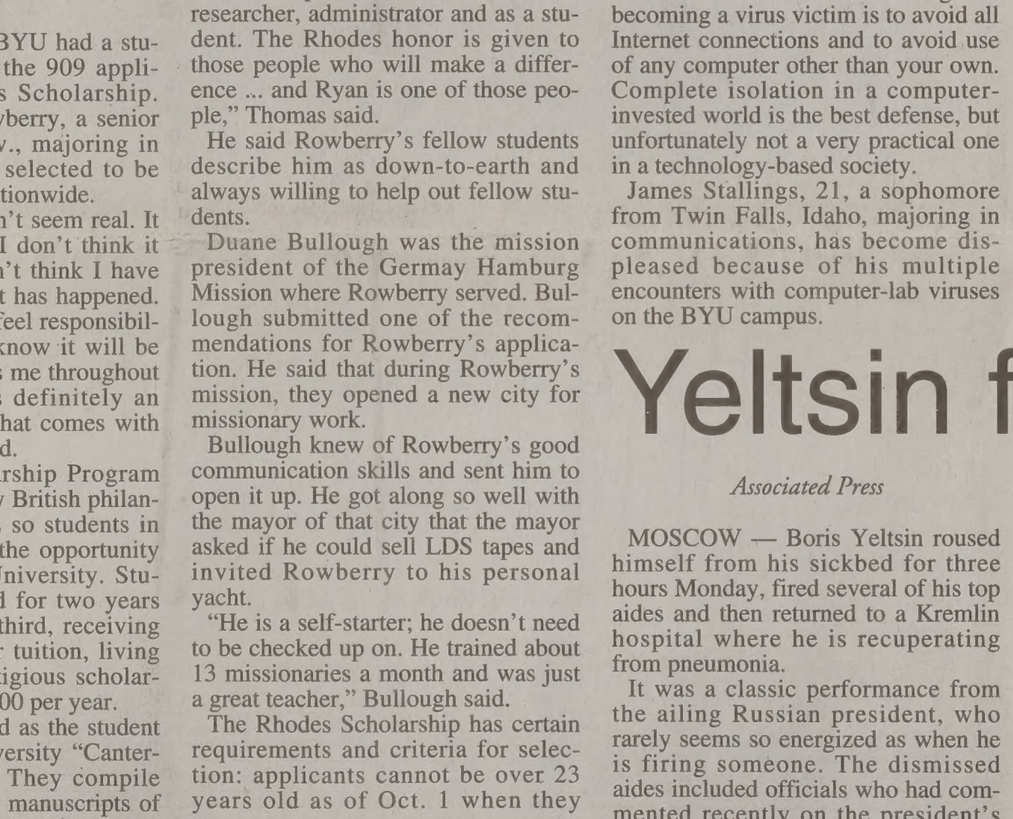
"Tough discipline, order and reform is what we need," Yeltsin said slowly and sternly as he glared at his staff from the head of a long table. Aides looked down and scribbled notes.

Besides firing Yumashev and three of his deputies, Yeltsin announced that he was personally taking charge of "all power ministries ... including the Justice Ministry and the tax police."

"Power ministries" are usually defined as those related to national defense and security. The Justice Ministry and tax police are at the forefront of the fight against crime and corruption, which has taken on new importance following the killing of a top liberal lawmaker, Galina Starovoitova.

Yeltsin's announcement was seen as mostly symbolic, however, since the president already wields authority over all the ministries he mentioned and the ministers who head them were left in place.

His remarks mostly suggested that Yeltsin is tired of being portrayed as a figurehead who has relinquished all power to his prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov.



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Decorations fill Utah County

Santa, reindeer share spot with nativity scene

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As Christmas approaches, festive decorations are popping up all over Utah Valley. Many decorations include Santa and his reindeer, Christmas trees, Christmas bells, stars and little elves. But for most, Christmas would not be complete without a manger scene as a way to remember Christ's birth.

People may wonder if the Santa Claus displays and the eight little reindeer have come to replace the manger scenes and the three wise men, but some BYU students say that is not so.

"I think the decorations are pretty well balanced. You do see more Santa decorations, but those are the ones we focus on more because we tend to focus on gift-giving. Those things naturally tend to capture our attention more than the nativity scenes do," said Mellani Howels, 19, a sophomore from Manteza, Calif., majoring in communications.

BYU student Lexi Harper, 18, a freshman from American Fork, majoring in special education, feels that both types of decorations are an important part of Christmas.

"I have noticed the manger scenes and the Santa decorations, and I think that they are both a big part of Christmas," Harper said.

Nativity scenes are and have been a large part of the Christmas decorations throughout Utah Valley. On Tabernacle block in Provo, there is a live nativity pageant sponsored by the Provo South Stake.

Travis Steward, a member of the Provo South Stake, said there are so many places to see Santa Claus, but there aren't as many places where patrons can see the nativity scene.

Steward said the pageant will be Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 starting at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Each presentation will last about 20 minutes, Steward said.

American Fork also participates in a similar celebration of Christ's birth with several nativity scenes throughout the city. The nativity scenes in American Fork are at the Developmental Center, at the Heritage Convalescent Center and at the American Fork Tabernacle.

In Provo, the BYU 11th Stake is hosting an inter-faith Christmas Creche exhibit in which over 400 nativity scenes from around the world will be displayed. The Utah Valley Ministerial Association is sponsoring the non-commercial event which will

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...hite House argues impeachment too severe a penalty

Associated Press

...GTON — The White House will ...nesses and use two lawyers to ...ense that removing President Clin... ...fice is too severe a penalty. The ... will challenge the impeachment ...thout attacking the prosecutor who ...officials said.

... House sent a letter informing the ...iary Committee that presidential ... Craig will open the presentation today and "describe — briefly and generally — the president's legal and factual defense" followed by three panels of witnesses.

White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff will make closing arguments Wednesday afternoon.

The White House also disclosed that one of its witnesses, Yale law professor Bruce Ackerman, will argue that any impeachment article approved by the House this year would not be valid when the new Congress convenes Jan. 6.

With the committee virtually certain to approve at least one article of impeachment, House leaders are beginning to plan for a vote on the floor. A GOP source said outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich will call the House back into session for an impeachment vote but will allow someone else to preside over the proceeding.

One of Clinton's most vocal defenders, private attorney David Kendall, will not be involved in the presentation to the committee. He has been among the sharpest critics of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Among the witnesses are three former members of the House Judiciary Committee that voted to impeach President Nixon a quarter-century ago: the Rev. Robert Drinan, a Roman Catholic priest and former Massachusetts Democrat; Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y.; and Wayne Owens, D-Utah.

The panel was carefully chosen by presidential aides hoping to use former lawmakers to lobby current committee members that impeachment is too severe a penalty for Clinton's transgressions in the Monica Lewinsky affair, and that there isn't evidence that Clinton abused his presidential powers.

The three will comprise the second panel called to testify today. They will be preceded by four legal experts who will discuss the "historical precedents and constitutional standards" for impeachment.

A third panel of witnesses today will discuss evaluating the evidence gathered by Starr, contrasting it to the process used in Watergate.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Missionary ready to return to work

SALT LAKE CITY — A missionary from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who was shot in the leg in Argentina was released on Monday from a Buenos Aires hospital.

Church spokesman Dale Bills said missionary Mike Cates was "in good spirits" resting at the church's mission home. Bills said Cates hoped to return to proselytizing by the end of the week.

Cates, a graduate of Salt Lake's Highland High School, was going door-to-door in Montegrande, a town just outside Buenos Aires, on Friday when he and his companion were accosted by a drunk with a handgun.

The man told Cates and the other missionary, Pablo Aranda of Chile, to leave. When Cates questioned the order, the man shot him in the shin.

Bills said police made an arrest and the suspect is being questioned about two other shooting incidents earlier in the day.

Bills said the assault does not appear to be church-related.

Cates is the third missionary from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to be shot in Argentina in less than two years.

3 feet of snow isolates Swedish city

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Nearly 70,000 residents were isolated Monday after three feet of snow fell on a city along Sweden's eastern coast and stiff winds formed it into towering drifts.

The Swedish national meteorological service said the 36 inches of snow that fell on Gaevle was more than the city has ever received in the entire month of December. The city is 100 miles north of Stockholm, the capital.

No deaths were reported, but the hospital treated a stream of people with broken bones and other injuries from falls.

The national railway SJ canceled all trains running through Gaevle, a main junction point to northern Sweden, until at least mid-Tuesday.

Fires kill 13, injure more near Paris

PARIS — A pre-dawn fire gutted a retirement home near Paris Monday, killing 10 people and injuring 25, officials said. The home had failed a safety inspection a week ago.

Seven people were killed immediately by the blaze, and three others died later in hospitals, according to the mayor's office in suburban Livry-Gargan, where the home is located.

The head of the rescue service, Com. Jean-Luc Chivot, said the retirement home failed to pass a Dec. 1 inspection.

About 140 firefighters fought the 4 a.m. blaze that began in a ground-floor room and spread up the elevator shaft. Chivot said 40 of the approximately 80 people in the home were evacuated by ladder. "We were able to get them out fast," he said. "Otherwise, the death toll would have been higher."

More people died in a second overnight blaze in a Paris apartment house. In a northern Paris neighborhood, another fire left three people dead and 13 hurt, three seriously, firefighters said.

Heroin use doubles despite danger

CHICAGO — Heroin use has risen rapidly in recent years among U.S. teens, with many middle-class youngsters snorting the drug in the mistaken belief that it's less addictive than shooting up, experts say.

The proportion of American 12th-graders who had used heroin doubled between 1990 and 1996, from 0.9 percent to 1.8 percent, according to a study in the December issue of the journal Pediatrics.

And the rate edged up again last year to 2.1 percent, with some states reporting even higher percentages, said the study's author, Dr. Richard H. Schwartz of the Inova Hospital for Children in Falls Church, Va. He cited data from the federal government and other sources.

While the overall share of adolescents using the drug remains low, the highly addictive nature of heroin and the devastating consequences of getting hooked make the trend troubling, he said.

Dr. Alan I. Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said the increase in heroin use is similar to that observed for cocaine and appears to be leveling off.

Weather

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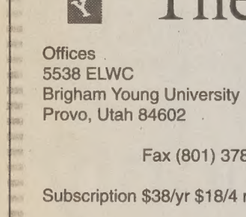
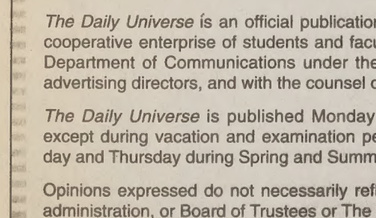
Scripture of the Day



"Or do ye suppose that the Lord will still deliver us, while we sit upon our thrones and do not make use of the means which the Lord has provided us? ... Now I would say that ye should remember that God has said that the inward vessel shall be cleansed first, and then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also." — *Alma 60:21-23*



Wade Alleman likes this scripture because "it teaches us the Lord blesses with means to accomplish certain things." To the right of Alleman is Melanie Cox, who says she likes Alma 37:36-37.

U.S. utility company to be Scottish-owned

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scotland's largest utility is buying U.S. utility PacifiCorp for about $7.9 billion in stock.

The deal announced today would create a company with 7 million customers in Britain and the United States and 23,500 employees worldwide.

"This is a very, very good match," ScottishPower Managing Director of Power Systems Alan Richardson said at a news conference Monday. "This is a strong partnership in a strong part of the U.S. with opportunities to grow and expand."

While other foreign companies have invested in power plants in the United States, this deal would be the first purchase of an entire U.S. electric utility by a foreign company, if it gets regulatory approval.

PacifiCorp has 1.4 million customers in seven western states and about 10,000 employees. It is the holding company for Pacific Power and Utah Power.

ScottishPower supplies gas, water, electricity and phone services to 5 million British homes and has some 15,000 employees.

Some employees may lose their jobs after the merger is completed, although Richardson said Monday, "We don't anticipate any surprises." The company will try to minimize the cuts through hiring reductions, attrition and employee retraining. All union contracts will be honored.

"PacifiCorp is an ideal partner for ScottishPower," ScottishPower chief executive officer Ian Robinson said in a statement. "The company combines an attractive asset base and customer profile with a core utility business offering substantial scope for improved efficiency."

ScottishPower shares dropped 48 cents a share, or 4.3 percent, to $1.07 in early trading in London.

Under the terms of the deal, ScottishPower will pay stock worth $25.13 per share at Friday's close for each share of PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp stock closed Friday at $20.75, meaning shareholders would gain a 21 percent increase.

The deal will give ScottishPower shareholders 64 percent ownership of the combined company and 36 percent to PacifiCorp shareholders.

ScottishPower also will assume PacifiCorp's $4.9 billion debt. Either company must pay a $250 million fee if the deal is terminated under certain circumstances.

The new company will be based in Glasgow, but PacifiCorp would run ScottishPower's U.S. operations from Portland.

The deal must be approved by shareholders, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and some U.S. state utility commissions.

But Monday, Richardson said he didn't consider the regulatory hurdles would be too formidable.

ScottishPower, formerly a state-run operation in Scotland that returned to private hands in 1991, owns electric, gas and water utilities throughout the United Kingdom and also has holdings in the telecommunications, electrical and home entertainment industries. The company has made no secret of its desire to gain a foothold in the American utility market.

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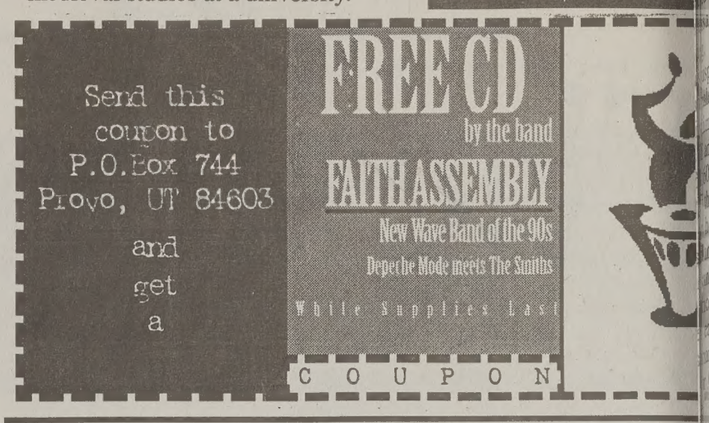
degree by the end of the summer before they enroll at Oxford.

In the application, Rowberry was asked his future personal and professional goals. The greatest thing he wants to be is a father. He looks forward to having kids, playing with them and teaching them. In his professional goals he would like to be a professor of Anglo-Saxon and medieval studies at a university.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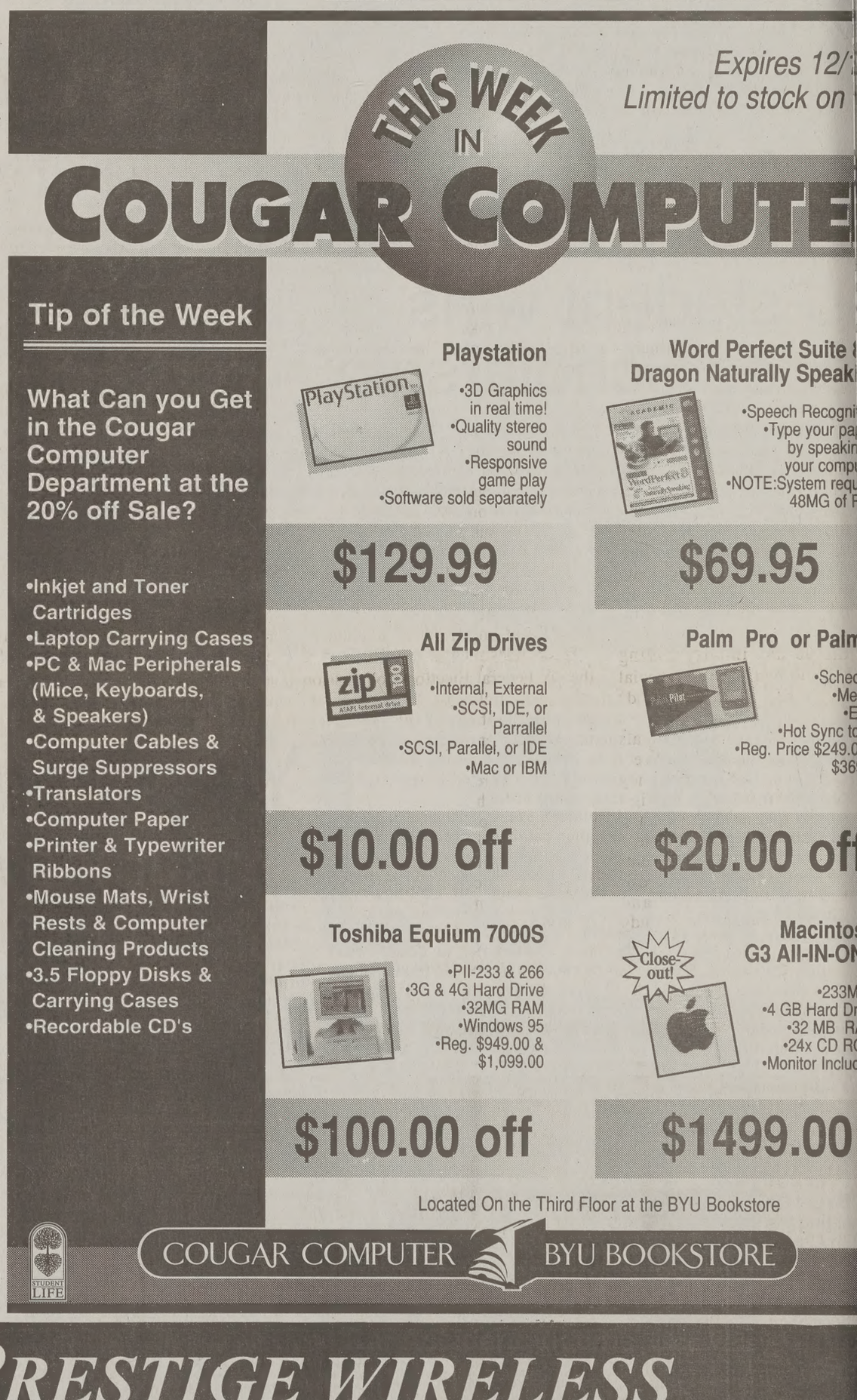

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are searching for a man who d to rob a convenience store sant Grove early Monday

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Blackhurst said police think the suspect is from the Provo/Orem area for several reasons.

He said if the suspect was a local Pleasant Grove resident, he probably would have been recognized.

ROBBERY SUSPECT

Blackhurst also said the man left the store and headed south toward Orem.

The police had officers at every intersection immediately after the attempted robbery, so they assume the suspect went to a local residence.

Due to the circumstances surrounding the attempt, police think the attempted robbery was unplanned.

"It was probably a last minute type of thing or he wouldn't have parked in front — unless he wasn't planning on leaving any witnesses," Blackhurst said.

Although there have been armed robberies in Pleasant Grove in the past, Blackhurst said it had been quite a while.

He said the holiday season may have something to do with the timing.

Anyone with information regarding the identification of the suspect should contact the Pleasant Grove Police Department at 785-3506.

Carry-out boxes cause of $125,000 in fire damage

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A fire broke out in a Provo restaurant late Sunday night, resulting in heavy property damage.

Despite the estimated $125,000 in property damage that resulted, no one was injured in the blaze.

Just before 11 p.m. on Sunday night, the fire started at The Grandview Cafe, a Chinese restaurant at 330 W. 100 North.

Twenty firefighters from four different stations around Provo responded to the fire, said Lynn Schofield, public relations officer for the Provo Fire Department.

Firefighters were met with smoke billowing out of doors and windows when they arrived at the scene.

The fire took nearly two hours to extinguish, Schofield said.

On Monday afternoon, fire department investigators were able to determine the cause of the fire.

"Paper products had fallen behind the freezer and over time became brittle," said Schofield.

The paper products were carry-out boxes that Chinese restaurants commonly use for take-out meals.

Because the boxes were dry and brittle, they were ignited by the heat generated behind the freezer, Schofield said.

This led to the larger structure fire.

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eno to reject financial inquiry

Associated Press

INGTON — Attorney Gen- et Reno prepared the court onday to reject an independ- sel investigation of President over 1996 campaign financ- ice Department officials said. rk on the final draft of her ., Reno met during the day ordinates who have super- 90-day preliminary inquiry nton and Democratic Party s which ran during his re- campaign.

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he 90-day inquiry ending , Reno had to tell a special ether she wanted an outside r needed 60 more days. partment's senior officials ore in agreement in their rec- dation on Clinton than they n on two other campaign decisions Reno made in the weeks, Justice officials said. e cases, she rejected an out- nsel to scrutinize Vice Presi- Gore and requested and up to 60 more days to study of former White House ief of staff Harold Ickes.

Most Justice aides advised Reno that the evidence was clear and convincing that Clinton had no criminal intent. The FBI, however, renewed its year-old recommendation that an outside counsel take over the entire campaign funding probe from Reno's task force, which has so far charged 14 people, including prominent Democratic donors.

Republicans in Congress have been pressing for an independent counsel investigation of Democratic campaign financing for two years, but the current question involves activities of both Democrats and Republicans.

Some Justice officials even questioned whether the party-issue ads constituted a civil violation of election law, which is necessary before there can be any criminal violation.

These aides pointed out that four of the six Federal Election Commission members, including two Democrats and two Republicans, last week questioned whether there were civil violations.

At issue were FEC staff audits that concluded both Clinton and his 1996 Republican opponent, Bob Dole, committed civil violations of federal spending limits. The audits recommended Clinton repay the government $7 million and Dole repay $17.7 million.

The FEC auditors argued that the issue ads, which both Clinton and Dole personally helped coordinate, went too far and amounted to advocating the candidate's election. If so, the advertising costs should have fallen under spending limits Clinton and Dole agreed to when they accepted public campaign funds, the auditors argued.

The commission can accept, reject or modify the audit findings. If the panel found no civil violation, there could be no criminal case.

If Reno were to seek a criminal probe of Clinton by an independent counsel, she could also ask that the counsel look at Dole in order to avoid having different prosecutors evaluating the same legal questions, Justice officials said.

On Thursday, FEC Commissioner Karl Sandstrom, a Democratic appointee, said he was concerned the audit recommendation would penalize the political parties after the fact. "I have a real problem drawing the line retrospectively," he said.

Republican Commissioner David Mason said the audit used a fuzzy legal standard to decide when an ad influenced a listener to vote a certain

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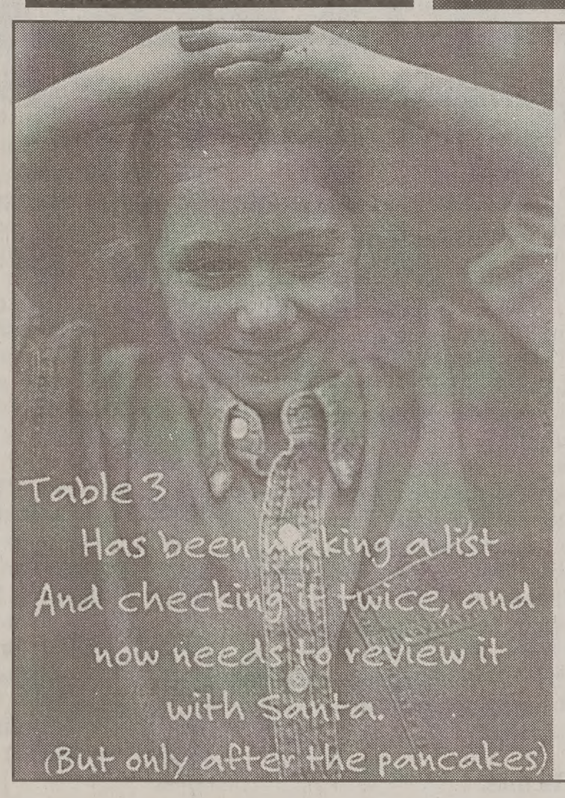

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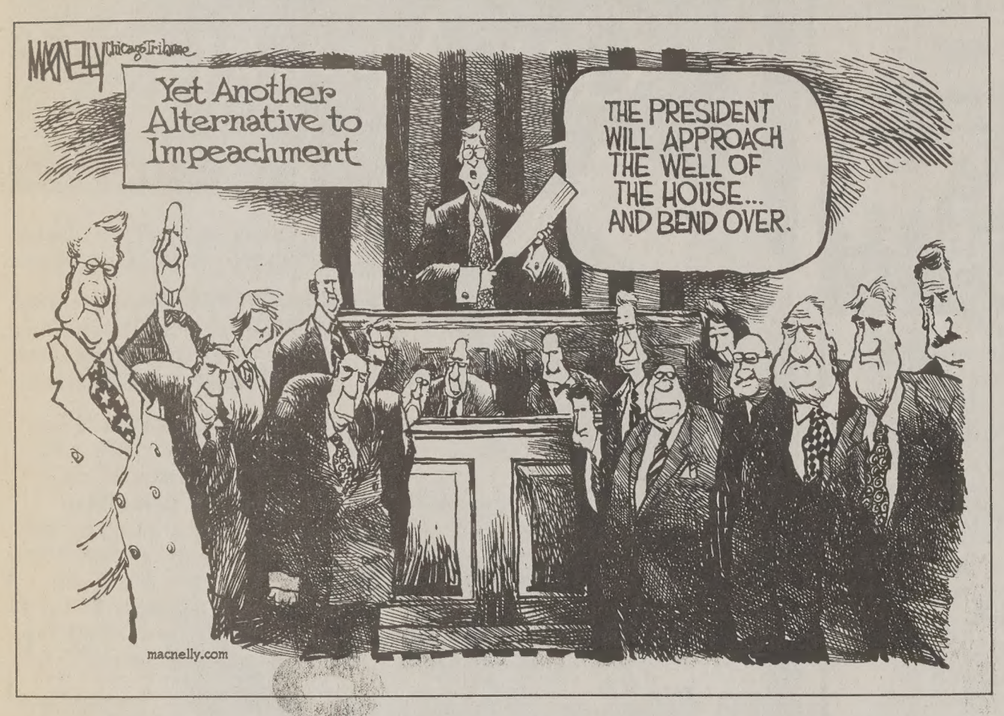
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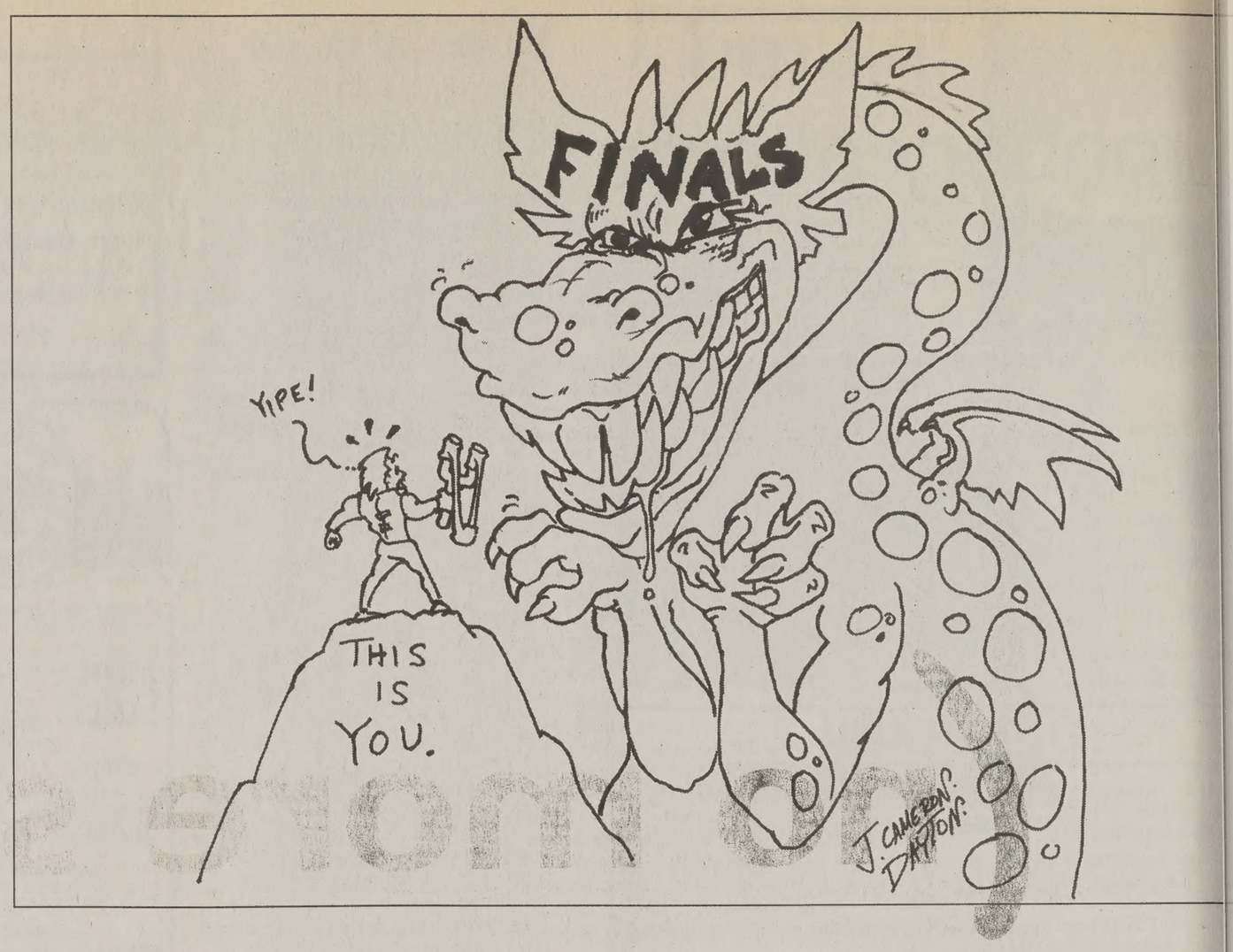

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Traumatic experience

Dear Editor:

I would doubt that anyone on campus didn't hear warnings about "dozing and driving" before we all left for Thanksgiving. I know I had, and to be honest, I didn't really worry about it.

Well, I nearly became one of those statistics. I was up late Monday night doing homework and packing, and finally went to bed around 2 a.m. I got up the next morning at 6:30, went to my class, and by 10:30 my brother, his friend and I headed home.

I drove for about three hours; we took a break and I drove again for another half hour. My brother and I had been talking and the radio was on. We stopped talking for a while and the next thing I knew, he was grabbing the steering wheel to get us back on the road. We had drifted off to the right, and when he noticed he panicked.

We overcorrected left, then right and finally headed down into the barrow pit, flipping onto the top of the Suburban. My brother and I were wearing seatbelts, his friend was not and it's amazing that we still all made it out with only a few scratches and bruises.

The scary thing is that I wasn't even feeling tired at all. My body was exhausted though, and I should have known that 4 1/2 hours of sleep isn't nearly enough to make a trip home whether I'm "tired" or not.

I know it sounds cliche, but if it can happen to me it can happen to anyone. It happened in the middle of the day and we were only an hour from home, but none of that mattered. Just don't let the same thing happen to you. Something so much worse could have happened, and nothing is worth it.

Stephanie Davis
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Flag explanation wanted

Dear Editor:

The past few days, the flag has been at half staff. To me, this denotes a campus in mourning. I can think of some reasons that this might be so, including the tragic accident involving BYU students over the Thanksgiving holiday. But I don't know for sure what the reason is. I would like to know so that I can be a part of the mourning on campus.

I suggest that someone, perhaps the ROTC cadets who perform the flag ceremony, post a note on the flagpole (as they do during the Veterans Day vigil) informing those who are interested of the reason for the flag being at half staff. I don't think there should be any more publicity than that, because some people don't care and there's no point in casting pearls before swine. But posting a note on the flagpole would enable those of us who do care to consciously mourn with the campus, and be reminded of the specific reason whenever we see the flag at half staff.

Carol Hopper Holmes
Kaysville

BYU hypocrisy

Dear Editor:

Has anyone else ever noticed some of the hypocrisy that goes on here at BYU? I pondered it today when I watched "The Long Walk Home" for my American Heritage class. I seem to recall some sort of controversy about editing movies for content to fit BYU Honor Code standards, etc. With the language I heard in this movie, I wonder why we even bothered in the first place?

Not that I was offended by such language, nor do I have virgin ears. In fact, I loved it. I just think it's interesting that for ANY PG or PG-13 movie to be shown at the Varsity, it has to have ALL offensive language edited or not be shown, while that SAME PG or PG-13 language is acceptable in the JSB for thousands of American Heritage students.

I just don't see the difference. I also don't see the point in having to be dressed to BYU standards to receive BYU issue shorts that, in most cases, are not the acceptable BYU length. I can honestly say that I was turned away at the Issue counter for not having the acceptable-length shorts and when I came back properly dressed, I received a pair of shorts EVEN SHORTER THAN THE PAIR I WAS WEARING! I would've saved time and gas by just writing "BYU P.E." in blue Magic Marker on my own shorts!

The hypocrisy was just too much. Anyway, I guess there are two major points to be had from this Hypocrisy Soap Box:

No. 1: Show "The Long Walk Home," and "Glory" for that matter, in the Varsity. Both are EXCELLENT and both are required for American Heritage.

No. 2: The next time you want to break the Honor Code and get away with it, wear BYU issue!

Dana Yvonne Anquoe
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Computer problems

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my disappointment in BYU's Computer Services and request an increased level of performance. While the university is to be commended for its efforts in providing the campus community with worthwhile computing services (e.g. labs with software applications, Internet access, the Intranet's Route Y, AIM, etc.), several recurring problems warrant solution-finding attention.

These problems include campus-wide shutdown of the UnipriNT network preventing access to printing; loss of power to computers due to network overload (occurred at least twice Saturday in the HBLL Copy Center Lab); and long lines exacerbated by labs with 5 to 10 percent of the computers not working.

Because of my lack of expertise, I can only imagine the difficulties that exist in providing a viable computer network for such a large campus community. However, as a student trying to meet the demanding expectations of the university, I am simply reciprocating those high expectations that such problems can and should be solved.

Bryant D. Smith
Hillsboro, Ore.

Virus causes problems

Dear Editors:

The other day, I was in the Talmage Building computer lab typing up yet another paper when the computer I was using warned me that there was a virus on my floppy. I approached the lab assistant, and he was more than happy to clean my disk of the virus. However, upon returning to my computer, I again tried to save my file, but to my dismay, the disk wouldn't work and it was completely void of all previously saved files.

This is not my fist encounter with a computer-lab virus. In the library, two weeks ago, another disk crashed on me. Chalk up another disk and countless hours typing and revising to the viruses that have infiltrated our computer labs.

Ever notice that the C-drive is named "Groovie"? A virus did that. The one that ruined my disk is called "gazelle."

For my classes, I am required to type papers and assignments, and without a personal computer of my own, I have no choice but to use the computer labs, for which I am usually grateful. But after seeing hours and hours go up in a cloud of computer virus-generated smoke, as it were, I wonder how safe our computer labs really are.

May I add that mine is not an isolated event. One of my roommates also discovered a virus on his disk, and I know of one student who lost an 18-page paper.

I urge the student to be wary and the administration or whoever is responsible to correct the problems and make our computer labs a safer place to compute.
Let's vaccinate BYU.

James Thane Stallings
Twin Falls, Idaho

Rent ceiling not good

Dear editor:

After reading the recent letter complaining of high housing costs at BYU, I felt compelled to write. The writers proposed what they apparently thought was a reasonable solution to the "BYU housing crisis." Unfortunately, it's just not as simple as they seemed to have figured.

First, the alleged "high cost of education" here at BYU is just plain ridiculous. In the case of BYU education costs, the grass just can't be greener on the other side. Now, granted, as a student here at BYU, I don't enjoy the high costs of housing any more than anybody else does. But, it only takes about half a semester in Econ 110 to see that a cap on rent prices would only make the whole situation much worse for all of us.

If you think the demand for off-campus housing is high now, a price ceiling (lower rent) would create an even higher demand for the housing, possibly leading to many more non-BYU students moving in.

Other unintended consequences of rent ceilings are equally as undesirable. As experience shows, rent ceilings can also drive landlords to suspend maintenance efforts, quit providing furniture or charge extra fees for things like cable and other utilities.

I suppose a good solution to the high housing costs is just not an easy thing to come by. Just some more plain old competition would probably do the trick. Developers wishing to capitalize on the high demand for housing could build more large housing complexes, possibly in the place of some of the older, single houses that students rent now. The added competition itself should lower prices.

Of course this is all easier said than done. In the meantime, save your breath and don't bother the housing department with calls about implementing rent ceilings.

Nate Sharp
Salt Lake City

Less regulation better

Dear Editor:

BYU's housing regulation actually increases the cost of approved apartments, it isn't just the evil landlords. The students argument for BYU to regulate the housing market by enacting a price ceiling in order to lower rent will only cause more problems.

Price ceilings only benefit those who can actually get apartments while others suffer without. The problem is not that there is not enough regulation, but that there is too much regulation. If we want lower rents we should be pushing for less regulation by way of competitive markets. This will also give greater freedom to students looking for the best places to live.

Non-approved housing for singles near BYU is significantly cheaper than BYU-approved housing, and sometimes in much better shape. The main difference is that one is BYU regulated and the other is not. Let's not push for more regulation (such as price ceilings), which leads to more problems, but deregulation, which will lead to lower costs and more choice.

Dustin Palmer
Syracuse, Utah

Punt returns need spark

Dear Editor:

Now that another game which was in our hands has been lost again, it seems justified to question the coaching decisions that have been all year.

Besides the offensive play selecti and 12 (draw play), and the defensi when up by six points with five mi (where was the prevent? — a s receiver goes 60 yards to score), I one question that has taken away at night: Why is Aaron Roderick punts?

What has our special teams don (besides the infamous oops at Utah likes and speed of Rigell, Hooks even Gray, Snowden or Jenkins, continue to watch three-yard punt re

Kerry Kane
Provo

Gloating?

Dear Editor:

Did I hear the news correctly? In ing minutes of the BYU vs. Air Fo BYU field goal attempt bounced o post? That is so perfect! Now wha BYU fans going to say who quietly not so quietly) ascribed to divine fa kick that did the same thing in their giving BYU its win?

What goes around comes around. language of the Book of Morm which ye do send out shall return again, and be restored." (Alma 4 much for gloating.

Sterling D. Allan
Brian J. Gibson
Provo

Brady Act correcti

Dear Editor:

I would just like to correct a few made about the Brady Act and the Thursday's Daily Universe. You sai NRA opposes the checks because th privacy because a licensed gun d call the NICS system and see if an is eligible to purchase a firearm. the reason the NRA opposes the NIC

The reason it is being opposed is b FBI intends to keep records of those checks are made "for statistical sam internal audits" thereby creating a d gun owners. This being true, ther ground for invasion of privacy comp

The language of the Brady Law i that this information is not to be also said that there is a $7.50 charge the NICS. Actually there is no c using it.

What you are confusing this w $7.50 charge collected by the Uta ment of Public Safety, which perfor level background check for handgu The fact of the matter is the NRA instant-check system. They attempte NICS as an alternative to waiting when the Brady Act was still the B They opposed the Brady Bill in the because of the waiting period impos buyers.

Supporters of the bill said they on the waiting period for the purpose of ing the necessary background che those who authored the Brady Law ing for a new waiting period law.

This will surely be opposed by the the grounds that it is obviously part scheme for the incremental erosio rights by those who simply fear them

Michael Bills
Ontario, Ore.

From the Fifth Floor

New look at Honor Code

By Lyall Swim
Special to the Universe

If you asked the average BYU student what makes BYU different from other campuses, you are likely to get some mixed responses.

Is it the way people in Utah drive, or that 90 percent of the student body shops at the GAP or Eddie Bauer, or possibly the fact that more languages are spoken on campus than at the United Nations.

Amid all the differing responses you are most likely to hear some snide remark about BYU's oft-debated Honor Code.

When you ask BYU students how they feel about the Honor Code several thoughts come to mind: an uptight flag football referee, an overbearing card swiper at the Testing Center, an easy joke for a comedian at Johnny B's or the hushed "ah" of a knee spotting.

This semester I experienced more than one "ah" as I walked around BYU with a beard that would have made Grizzly Adams proud.

The words from the song "One of these things is not like the other" ran through my mind every time I walked into a building during a class change.

I could read students' minds as the all attention focused changed from what they did over the weekend to the lost soul with a beard wandering around campus.

"He must be a transfer from that other university," or "I wonder what kind of skin disease he has. I hope it's not contagious."

But despite the brouhaha my beard caused in my ward, at home and on campus, I was happy to finally get out the razor and come "clean."

Needless to say the experience of being an exception opened my eyes to attitudes on campus I had not previously seen or had been ignorant to.

Now, don't get me wrong, I am not here to bash the Honor Code. In fact I think it is a great thing and as far as I am concerned it needs to stay.

I just think it's time we took a different approach and a new look at the Honor Code.

I think the Student Honor Association has finally found the right approach.

The Honor Code makes BYU different. Not that we are any better than any other university, but we are here for different reasons and under different circumstances.

I think it's time we stopped taking the Honor Code and the atmosphere, notwithstanding its quirks and problems, for granted here at BYU.

One response that surprised me more than any was male students who would ask me how they could get a beard card so they didn't have to shave.

For those of you who don't know where you are going to school, this is BYU and if I am not mistaken we have a thing called the Honor Code, which stipulates for males shaving on occasion. Sure it's a pain, but at least be grateful that your wardrobe doesn't range from dress uniform to fatigues and you're not subjected to routine head shaving.

Having been on the "other" side of the Honor Code, I must say it's nice to be back where I belong.

I went to a conference in Boston in October where students from all over the country were in attendance. At the evening socials, it appeared that pasta (i.e. spaghetti straps, etc.) were the style of choice and the stench of beer and cigarettes was enough to make you swoon.

As the other students from BYU and myself made our way home from the final social, I counted myself lucky that I attended a university that expected more from its students.

Sure there may be problems with the Honor Code, but I think it's about time we started seeing the Honor Code for what it is — a real chance to be different.

BYU is not your average university. Things are run just a little differently, but with what I have seen this past semester I don't think I would have it any other way.

Lyall Swim is a junior from Orem majoring in public relations.

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It's tuneup time!

An Outdoors Unlimited employee works on a bicycle wheel. Despite the winter season, recent warm weather has allowed people to use their bikes more than usual at this time of year.

Devotional focuses on Christmas celebrati

By CHRISTINE RAPPLEYE
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The celebration of Christmas as it encompasses and reflects a celebration of childhood relating to Jesus Christ's ministry will be the subject of today's Devotional.

James "Jim" L. Kearl, Abraham O. Smoot professor of economics and assistant to the University President for the Jerusalem Center, will be the speaker at the Devotional at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center.

"Christmas reminds me of children, and I would like to see Christmas through the eyes of a child," Kearl said.

Kearl earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from Utah State University in 1971. He received his doctorate in economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1975 where he was recognized as a Danforth Fellow. Kearl did his post-doctoral work in economics and law at Harvard in 1978.

JAMES L. KEARL

Kearl joined the BYU faculty in 1975 and has taught several economics and law courses.

His areas of speciality are economics and the law and applied microeconomics.

Concluding service as a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense and to the United States Trade Representative, and as a White House Fellow, Kearl served as dean of General and Honors Education and later as associate academic vice president. He also chaired the university's Strategic Planning/Self study committee, which coordinated BYU's reaccreditation and recommendations for future planning.

Kearl has been the recipient of the A.O. Smoot Professorship in Economics and the Maeser Distinguished Teaching Award.

He has authored three introductory economics textbooks and many professional journal articles.

He has served on the National Advisory Panel for the U.S. Census and on several other civic and go boards.

Kearl has served in vario in the LDS church includi high councilor on four diff councils, and a councilor d ferent bishoprics.

He is currently his ward doctrine teacher.

He and his wife, Linda have five children.

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SCENE *from page 1*

The Utah Valley Ministerial Association is sponsoring the non-commercial event which will include live music and 24-hour security.

Scott Daniels, a BYU professor who is heavily involved with putting together the Christmas Creche, says that this exhibit offers the community a way to join together and celebrate Christmas.

"The main goal of this exhibit is to bring the community together in a common celebration of the birth of the Savior Jesus Christ," Daniels said.

Helping put the project together is Holly Zenger, who collects nativity scenes as a hobby and has put together a Christmas Creche before.

Zenger has over 150 of her own personal nativity scenes on display and has previously shown the display from her own home in Midland.

"There were over 4,300 people that came to my house alone," Zenger said.

She expects a large turn out at the Creche display in Provo considering the number of people that came to her home.

The Christmas Creche will be on display in the LDS church building across from the BYU stadium and will be running through Dec. 8.

The Creche exhibit is open from 4-8 p.m.

VIRUS *from page 1*

macro viruses."

Boot sector viruses affect the start-up systems of the computer. The virus can only be transferred if a disk is inside the a: drive while the computer is booting up.

The virus is then transferred from the boot sector of the disk to the boot sector of the harddrive. Once the virus is transferred to the harddrive it has the capacity to begin infecting other files. This category of viruses cannot be transferred through email or the Internet. Mac computers cannot have boot sector viruses; only PCs are capable of this virus category.

.Exe, .com or program viruses attack executable files on the harddrive. These viruses are sent through the email, Internet, and shared executable systems that were already infected.

Macro Viruses, like the Wazzu virus, are transmitted over the Internet, attached Microsoft Word email files and shared infected documents. Macros only exist inside Microsoft Word documents. Wordperfect files cannot be infected by these viruses.

Worms are a special category of viruses because they do not require a host program to reproduce. But worms have the ability to attach to any file, and that ability makes these viruses particularly hard to trace. Worms are continually transforming themselves.

Peter Calsen, 29, a junior from South Africa, majoring in computer science, is concerned about the virus BackOrifice.

"You don't know the virus is affecting your machine, and it allows people straight into your machine," he said.

The BackOrifice tool is sent to people over email from someone with the manager program. After the virus is loaded to your computer, it gives the manager access to your machine. The manager can execute any program, restart, lockup, view the contents, transfer files or erase the files on harddrive of the target machine.

If you think you might have a virus, see these Web sites: http://www.drsolomon.com, http://www.symantec.com, http://www. McAfee.com

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Strong (left), Amy Nelson and Sarah Carr t a number, produced by a BYU student. The students are part of the Senior showcase of productions: Dance of Diversity.

udents dance to graduation

By ANN ROBINSON
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NewsNet Staff Writer

enior showcase of produc- horeographed and produced J-dance students will be pre- Dec. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. in nce Studio Theater, 166 RB.

e showcase, "Dances of ity," is in conjunction with uirements for all seniors in nce program. Every dance is required to do either a research paper or a teaching eography project before they e.

se seniors who choose to do oreographed number have to rite a proposal and submit deas to faculty members for al. The seniors do this early ear then spend the rest of the er working on their number. enior is responsible for the lighting, costumes, advertising, props, music and choreography of a 10-minute number.

Seven student choreographers will be presenting their original works this year as their final project. The choreographers select other dancers to perform in their pieces but rarely perform in the numbers themselves.

"There are a wide variety of dancers in this year's showcase, but a lot more are from the beginning end of the spectrum than in other years. This has a wonderful educational benefit because it provides opportunity for the younger dancers and it allows them to exceed what you think their potential would be," said Kathy Black, faculty advisor for the senior showcase.

Nicki Avery, 22, a senior from Enterprise, Washington County, majoring in dance education, will present her piece entitled "Christmas Dreams."

"It's about how children's dreams can cause magical things to happen. In the piece, a little girl falls asleep and her toys come to life and they all dance together; it's just a fun Christmas number," Avery said.

Rachel Harrison, 23, a senior from Boise, Idaho, majoring in composite dance, has choreographed a number entitled "To Every Thing There is a Season."

"The first part represents letting go of memories and moving on. The second segment focuses on how family and friends help you through struggles and the third part is about being happy, about the times in life when you're full of joy," Harrison said.

Student tickets are $1. For ticket information, call the Dance Ticket Office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 378-D5859.

eches display diversity

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ety of culturally diverse scenes are on display at the of Church History and Art December.

nnual holiday showcase s over 30 exhibits from he world. The nativities rep- e artistic traditions of Japan, Italy, India and many other .

e should see the variety from the world. It is wonderful to mon artists use their native bilities to create something with a universal theme. They all speak of Jesus," said Gloria Scovill, the art registrar at the Museum of Church History and Art.

The museum has a large collection of nativities but some have been borrowed from other collectors to keep the show new and interesting. Two dozen new nativities are part of this year's exhibit.

A 16-piece wooden set from Poland is one of the new exhibits. The piece represents the work of 13 woodcarvers who depict the holy family and different events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ.

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'Tuna Christmas' is zany fun

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Getting to know the residents of Tuna, Texas, is a lot of good, Southern, deep-fried fun. It's as if all the material and stereotypes from a Jeff Foxworthy routine exploded into this small community, with hilarious effect.

"A Tuna Christmas" — an irreverent comedy by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard — is a showcase of biting humor, zany characters, versatile actors and solid execution.

The Provo Theatre Company was wise to revive this entertaining play. Audiences get to visit the warped community of Tuna, Texas, with all its colorful Christmas predicaments.

Will Vera Carp win the Christmas yard display contest for the 15th year in a row? Will Sheriff "Rubber Sheets" Givens catch the elusive Christmas phantom? Will Dixie Deberry cut the electricity on Joe Bob Lipsey's opening night of "A Christmas Carol"? The answers to these and other questions are played out in funny and even absurd moments.

Central to the play's genius are Charles L. Frost and Duane Stephens' masterful portrayals of 22 different characters.

Credit is also due to Judy Porray and Julie Crow Williams, whose costume design and hair and makeup, respectively, perfectly complement the personalities of the lively characters. Frost and Stephens are made believable as women in high heels, wigs and clip-on earrings, and it's great fun to watch them act like women.

Even more credit is due, though, to Frost and Stephens, who give their roles substance and heart. When Stephens came on stage as Bertha Bumiller, I couldn't stop laughing at the sight of him in his costume. But toward the end of the scene, I found myself believing in the character and even sympathizing with "her."

That leads to another of the play's strengths: some poignant, thoughtful moments. The playwrights made room amidst the myriad punch lines for some reality-based themes: a neglected housewife, a repentant ex-felon and a concerned old aunt. These themes add a sense of universality to the otherwise unique characters.

"A Tuna Christmas" runs until Jan. 9, playing Monday and Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call the Provo Theatre Company at 379-0600.

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M/D Week Events

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Tuesday

The BYU School of Music presents the full oratorio of Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall. Student tickets are $5.

Free carriage rides and cider from 5 to 9 p.m. at The Shops at Riverwoods, 4801 N University Avenue, Provo.

Christmas Benefit Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Orem Senior Friendship Center, 93 N 400 East, Orem. Student tickets are $5 and can be purchased by calling 221–5844, 852–6685 or 491–8301.

Wednesday

The combined choirs of BYU and the University of Utah present a holiday concert, "Angels We Have Heard on High," at the Abravanel Hall at 7:30 p.m. They will be accompanied by the Festival Brass Ensemble. Tickets are $12 and are available at the Capitol Theater Ticket Office, Abravanel Hall and through ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

The Woodwind Chamber Night will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Free.

"Images and Imagination" — a combination of stories and songs performed by BYU theater alumnus Mark Gollaher -- will be performed through Dec. 12. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Pardoe Theater; student tickets are $8.

A senior showcase of productions choreographed and produced by BYU dance students will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio Theater, 166 RB. For ticket information, call the Dance Ticket Office at 378-5859.

The Utah Valley Symphony presents its Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Provo Tabernacle, 100 S. University Avenue. Student tickets are $4.

Divine Comedy performs the "Best of Divine Comedy" at 7 and 9 p.m. in 151 TNRB. Admission to both shows is free.

Thursday

The BYU Percussion Ensemble and Salsa Combo will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Strolling carolers, concerts by local groups, magical elves, mimes and festive food vendors from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Shops at Riverwoods, 4801 N University Avenue, Provo.

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Joseph Silverstein headlines a Utah Symphony Chamber Orchestra concert featuring all of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg concertos at 8 p.m. at Abravenal Hall.

Tickets are priced from $13 to $28 and can be purchased at the Capitol Theater Ticket Office, Abravenal Hall and through ArtTix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Visitors celebrate Christmas yore

Old Deseret Village recreates 1868 with sleighrides, stories

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Take a step back in time this Christmas season at the Candlelight Christmas celebration taking place at This Is The Place Heritage Park.

The event focuses on a different year from the pioneer era each Christmas season.

This year Old Deseret Village will represent the year 1868.

"That is the year that Charles Dickens came to America," said Cathy Quinton, curator of education at This Is The Palce Heritage Park.

The celebration features everything from music to storytelling and sleighrides.

Christmas carols are played from the antique organ in the village church each evening, Quinton said.

Visitors can stop by the old-fashioned drug store to learn about different remedies used by the pioneers, Quinton said.

Also in operation are the village press, wood shop and tin smith.

The price of admission covers all of the activities in the village.

"Once inside, everything is free, unless (visitors) want to purchase something," Quinton said.

For those looking for a unique Christmas gift, the gift shop at the park offers a variety of pioneer items including bonnets, candles and ornaments, said Vivian Page, gift shop employee.

Page said that visitors from around the country buy antique pioneer items from the gift shop as souvenirs of Utah.

The shop also sells candies that were popular in the pioneer era.

"People love old-fashioned candy," Page said.

Many families, youth groups, business parties visit the Candle Christmas each year, Quinton sa

The celebration provides pe with a chance to enjoy a un atmosphere for Christmas, diff from the fast-paced Christmas s of shopping and lights.

"It's a very peaceful feeling, said.

The Candlelight Christmas Dec. 7-12 and 14-19 from 6 p.m. p.m. Admission is $8 for adults $6 for children and seniors.

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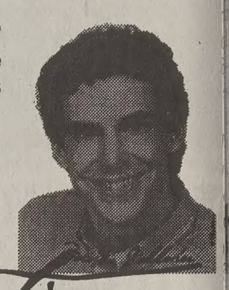

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Another new display is a Native American exhibit. It includes beaded dolls and portrays a buffalo and tepee instead of the traditional camel and manger. Other new additions to the holiday display are painted clay nativities from Chile and Mexico and a carved olive wood set from Israel.

Salt Lake artist Jeronimo Lozano, a native of Peru, has loaned three of his renditions of the nativity. One of the displays is made of brightly painted molded clay and the others are of carved cedar and mahogany.

In addition to the nativity sets, several pieces of fine art depict different scenes relating to the nativity. Judy Law's popular pastel of Mary holding the newborn Jesus is being shown again, and Minerva Teichert's "Rest on the Flight into Egypt," will be shown for the first time.An 18th-century painting by an unknown artist, "Mary with the Christ Child," and a large canvas by J. Leo Fairbanks, "Wise Men Follow Divine Direction" will also be displayed.

"We look for pieces that have been done by Mormons, but some of the nativities on display aren't. Many people buy the nativity sets while visiting other countries and then donate them to the museum," Scovill said. The nativities will be displayed through Jan. 3. The Museum of Church History and Art is at 45 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City. Regular museum hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and most holidays.

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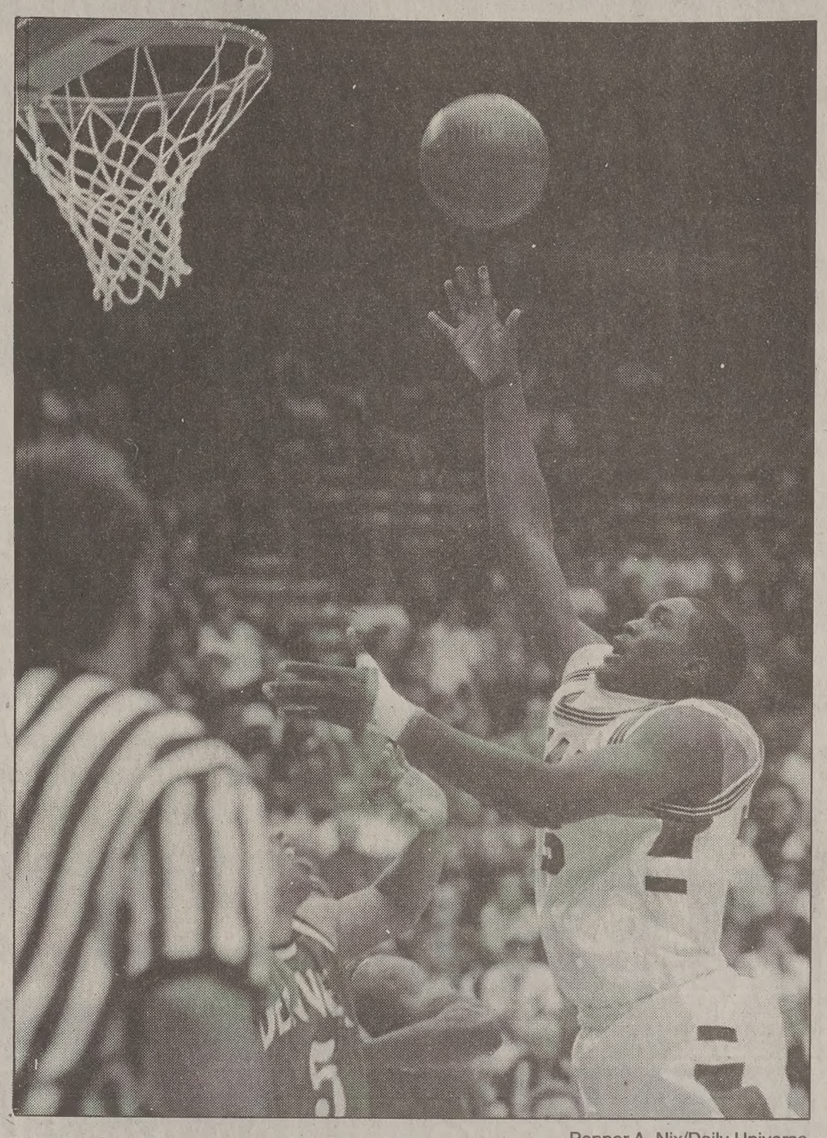

Pepper A. Nix/Daily Universe

BYU's Silester Rivers, right, shoots inside against Denver Dec. 1 at the Marriott Center. BYU plays at Washington State tonight.

Jepsen's absence has dumped the low-post scoring responsibilities at the feet of forward Silester Rivers. The 6-foot-7 junior, however, is battling tendinitis in his knee and has been unable to practice at full speed. Rivers struggled at Oregon, scoring only two points in 11 foul-plagued minutes.

"People really haven't seen him play yet because of his injuries and his inability to practice," Cleveland said.

Meanwhile, senior guard Brian Hamilton remains in street clothes on the bench with a back injury.

BYU will look to change its luck as it faces off against a fellow group of Cougars. But the two teams share more in common than just a nickname. Washington State has also had its share of injuries on the frontline as center Brian Stewart and forward Steve Slotemaker are battling ankle injuries.

Washington State has won its last two games after a poor 1-4 start.

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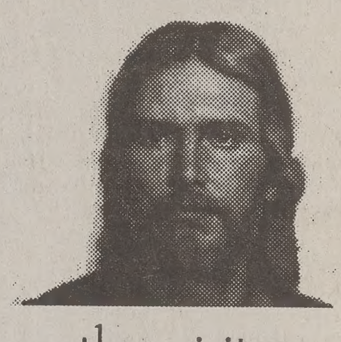

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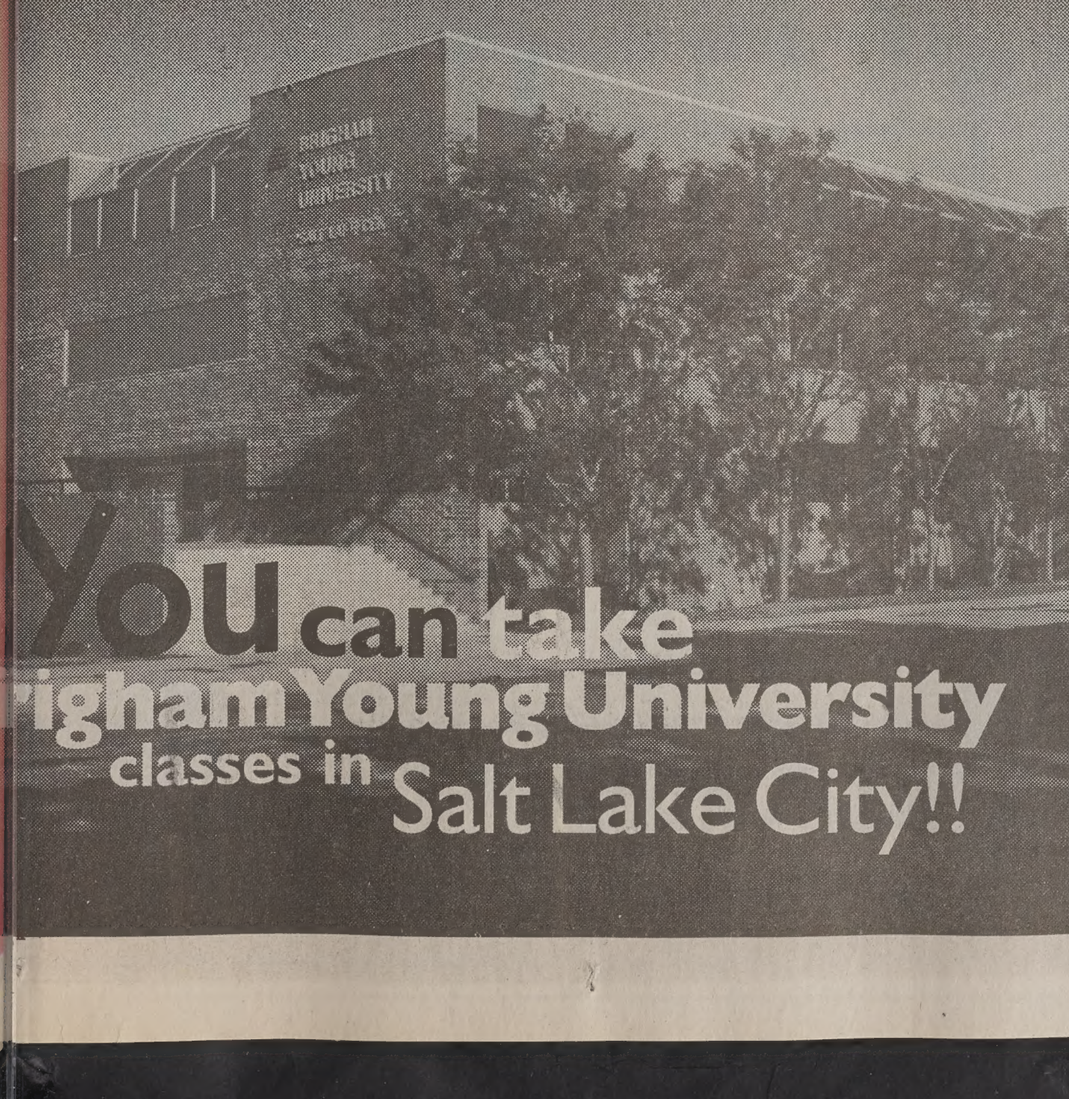

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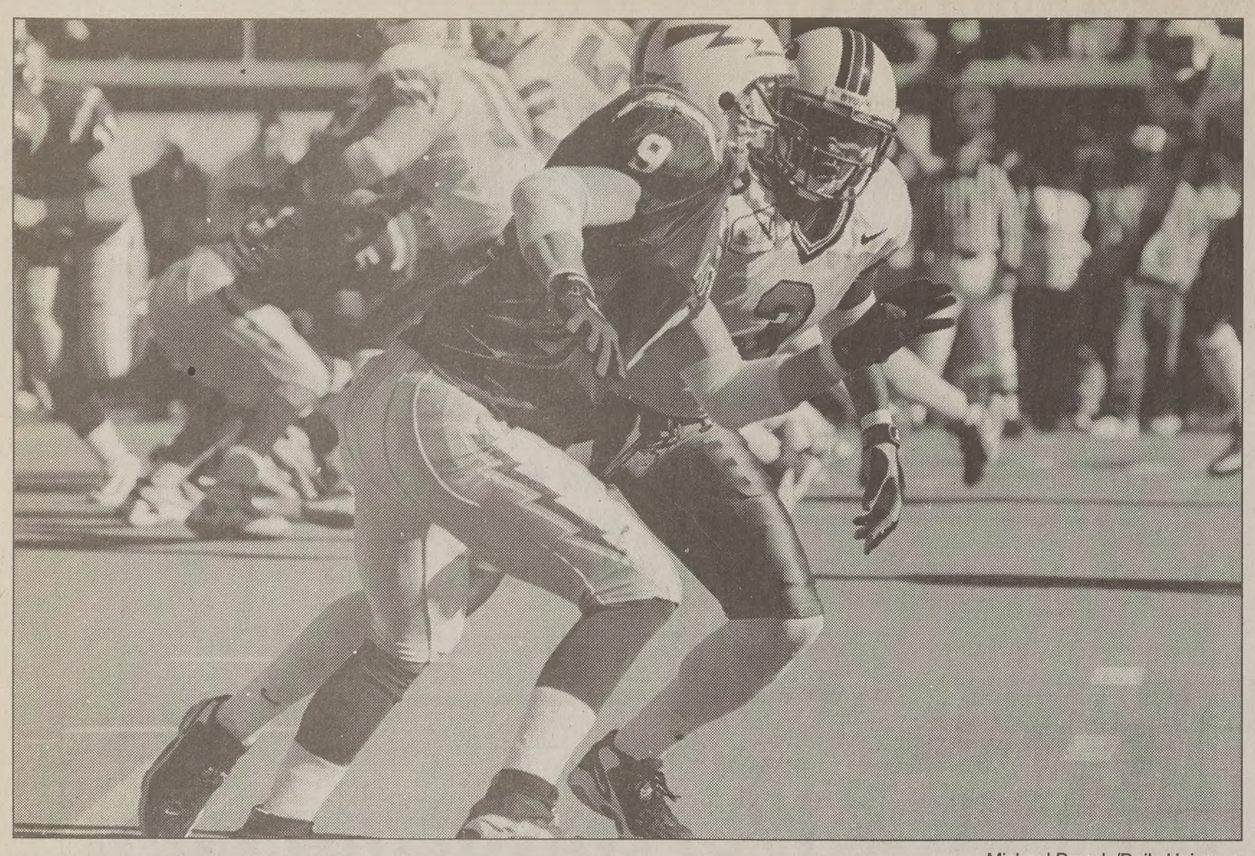

Michael Brandy/Daily Universe

BYU's Brian Gray, No. 3, defends Air Force receiver Dylan Newman in Saturday's WAC Championship game in Las Vegas. Although the team lost 20-13, fans found time to enjoy the time away from Provo. Weekend activities included relaxing, walking the strip and eating at different places.

Vegas trip fun besides game

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Las Vegas was invaded over the weekend by Cougars.

But these Cougars were tame — for the most part — and were dressed in blue and white. They roared until the final minutes of the WAC Championship football game at Sam Boyd Stadium. Even with the identical school colors, there were no secrets who was cheering for who.

Many students left on Friday for the big game. The students spent Friday night absorbing the Vegas atmosphere, tailgating the next morning and going out to eat after the game before making the return trip.

One such student was Floyd Millet, a senior from Geneva, Ill., majoring in electrical engineering. Millet was in a group of 33 people which planned a large trip, and he said he was glad they did.

"It was my last break to relax and unwind before finals," said Millet, who graduates next April.

Another senior, Sharon Nelson of Modesto, Calif., majoring in elementary education, agreed with Millet. She said it was a great opportunity to not only go and have a good time but also to support the Cougars.

"I wanted to see BYU play, since it would be my last chance," Nelson said. "Even though BYU lost, it was just exciting to make the trip to Vegas and cheer the Cougs."

Another in Nelson's group was Keith Smith, a sophomore from Ontario, Calif., majoring in pre-business. Smith said he had a great time in Las Vegas and would recommend a similar trip to anyone.

"The trip was not a disappointment," Smith said. "It was a good game. I am a BYU fan, but I wasn't going to let the outcome ruin my road trip. It was something I needed, to get out of Provo and stop thinking about school."

Brent Smedly, a junior from Sacramento, Calif., majoring in international relations, said his group had a great time. They went to a buffet, walked along the Strip, tailgated before the game and visited relatives.

"I thought it would be a lot of fun to party and to support the Cougs," Smedly said.

All weekend long, many Las Vegas hot spots were invaded by fans of both BYU and Air Force. It wasn't uncommon to be standing in the lobby of any of the major hotels and see dozens of people adorned in BYU apparel.

One business that benefited greatly from the BYU presence at the WAC Championship game was In-And-Out Burger. Directly after the game, the Tropicana Ave. franchise was packed with hundreds of BYU fans, many of them students grabbing a bite to eat before heading back to Provo.

Smith was among those who visited In-And-Out and said he believes that there were so many BYU students there because the burger place is so popular in California.

"A lot of BYU students are from California, and if anyone from California was in their group, they would convince the rest to go to In-And-Out," he said.

Next semester, a similar road trip opportunity will be available because of the men's and women's WAC basketball tournaments, which are also to be held in Las Vegas. Millet said it's a great way to go but only if the details are taken care of ahead of time so wasted time and money can be kept to a minimum.

"Ours was very organized. If it's planned, it's worth it," he said.

Outside coach chosen for Tulane job

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Scelfo, a south Louisiana native who always wanted to coach Tulane football, saw his wish come true on Monday.

Scelfo was chosen to run the program that Tommy Bowden turned from perpetual loser to the 10th-ranked team in the country. Bowden became Clemson's head coach last week.

Scelfo, an assistant at Georgia the last three years, met with the Green Wave players Monday and immediately took over planning for the Liberty Bowl game against Brigham Young on Dec. 31.

"My first order of business is to get our game plan for the bowl in place and get ready for practice," Scelfo said. "I'm glad we have the game to work on. It'll give the players a chance to get to know me."

Scelfo was selected over Tulane offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez, who was the choice of the players and had been recommended by Bowden.

"I can't talk," running back Toney Converse said pointing to his eyes. "I just found out. I can't believe it."

The players' unhappiness can be overcome, Scelfo said. "Most of them loved the coach before Bowden too," he said. "Nobody likes change."

NBA players to put on an exhibition

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael won't even be playing, and courtside tickets will still cost $1,000.

A long-rumored exhibition game featuring locked-out NBA players was finally announced Monday by agents David Falk and Arn Tellem.

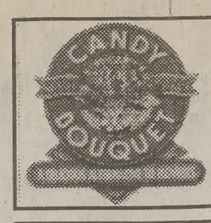
"The Game on Showtime" is set for Dec. 19 in Atlantic City, N.J., with the proceeds going to charity and to NBA players in financial need.

"If you look at people who play professional sports, not a lot of them are financially secure," union president Patrick Ewing said. "They make a lot of money, and they also spend a lot of money.

"Me, I'm financially secure, but there a lot of others who aren't. Our objective is to help these people," Ewing said.

"No matter how much money they've made throughout their careers, if they're in need now then it's up to us to try and help them," Ewing said.

Thirteen players are committed to play, and organizers hope to have a total of 16 players who were members of the four Dream teams — the 1992 and 1996 Olympic teams and the 1994 and 1998 World Championship teams.



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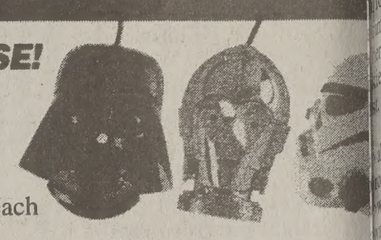
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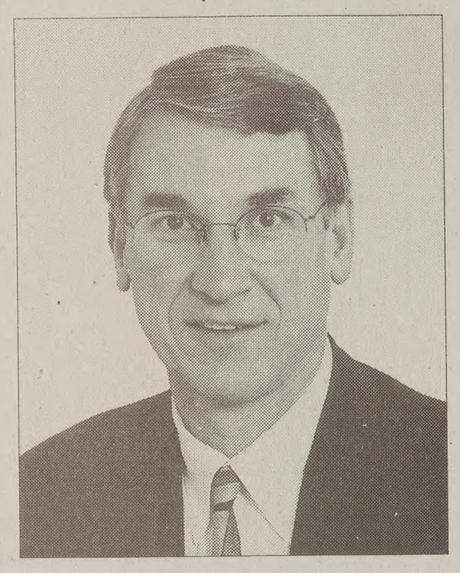

Dr. James R. Kearl

BYU A. O. Smoot Professor of Economics and Assistant to the President—BYU Jerusalem Center

"Christmas and Children"

Professor J. R. Kearl is a graduate of Utah State University and holds a PhD from MIT. He pursued postgraduate work at Harvard and joined the BYU Economics Department faculty in 1975. Later he accepted a joint appointment with the Economics Department and the Law School.

Following an appointment as a White House Fellow and special assistant to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, and following BYU administrative assignments as dean of General Education and Honors and associate academic vice president, Dr. Kearl returned to full-time economics teaching. His interests are in the interface between economics, law, and public policy. He is the author of three introductory economics textbooks and has written numerous professional articles.

Dr. Kearl's devotional remarks will be a celebration of the spirit of Christmas, particularly as it is reflected in the endearing and important attributes of childhood and children. He will suggest that while at a general level Christmas is a celebration of Christ's redemptive mission, in its particulars—including our own childhood memories—it is also a celebration of childhood.

Professor Kearl has served as a bishop, on four high councils, and as counselor in two bishoprics. Currently he is his ward's Gospel Doctrine teacher. He and his family have served voluntarily in community charitable organizations including the Food and Care Coalition and the Ouelessebougou Alliance. He has served on several civic and governmental boards, including the National Advisory Panel for the U.S. Census. Professor Kearl is married to Linda Durrant, and they have five children.

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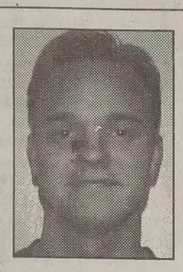

Scott Bell

Universe Sports Editor

aer Oregon high school jump record-holder turns

ld be Holly Bell, my mom, legend of Birdyflats, Ore. you could say my mom om-boy. She was the only mily of five children. My r dad, is an avid Washing- es fan and an outdoors . All her played almost by gression ved suit. as good. d forged ather and sing a baseball the back- shooting e into the night into a m is an ingrained slice of . There's something about t moments between parent that create ties a thousand t match.

e, we all don't have it that me, sports and my mom arable growing up. I didn't t moms weren't like mine into organized sports as a e all the other moms were the orange slices at the mes and in the minivans tice. But my mom was in screaming criticisms. She was yelling for me to post up and play some D.

I've always enjoyed sports and participated as much as I can. But let's just say I wasn't exactly a playground legend. My moves never drew raves from scouts. In fact, my moves didn't even draw raves from the congregation at church basketball games.

But you wouldn't know that from talking to my mom. Take baseball. I was horrible at little league baseball. I enjoyed it and always did fairly well in practice. But come game time, I just couldn't get over this one small problem of being petrified of the ball. It was a head-seeking missile, and it was coming for me.

So when I would walk to the car after yet another hitless day at the park, I would be feeling pretty blue. There my mom would be, telling me what great defense I played and how smart I ran the bases. There she was, telling me what a good eye I had to draw that walk when in reality my eyes had been shut so tight it wouldn't have mattered if the pitcher was tossing baseballs or beach balls.

Then the next week we'd be out in the backyard with her tossing balls for me to hit against the fence. She'd be telling me to keep my eye on the ball.

Our sports connection extended beyond my efforts on the fields of play. She graduated from BYU so I was raised on a steady diet of Cougar athletics. We watched the Cougars triumph and fail.

She still swears that as a youngster I threw up after the Miracle Bowl in 1980. Jim McMahon's touchdown toss to Clay Brown to seal the greatest comeback in school history was just too much excitement for this youngster to stomach.

Particularly, my mom's passion has been tracking the Cougars' recruiting efforts in basketball and football. If you walked into our house today, you could find her list of all the freshmen and returned missionaries that will hoop it up for the Y next year along with newspaper clips about each of them.

Talking sports is our doorway into relating, into bridging the parent-child gap. I'll come home and find my mom watching the greatest Cougar games of all-time on TV. Or I'll call and she'll ask me what I think about the football team's great defense.

And we'll talk. We'll understand. I'll know she'll always have my back in the great game of life. And I'll feel good.

Happy birthday, Mom.

estlers take 11th in Vegas tourney

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restler Rangi Smart grap- way to second place at the n Las Vegas Collegiate Invitational this weekend, YU to an 11th-place finish eam tournament.

who hasn't wrestled for o years, won five straight before succumbing 5-3 at f Boise State's Kirk White l.

ld have felt better about ," Smart said. "I'm looking t getting another shot at

tremendous effort helped ars rebound off a poor t their last tournament in and elicited praise from n Mark Schultz.

as a great performance by ning off his redshirt year," id. "He had an ankle injury issed a lot of practice."

Cougars Brandon Ruiz and Aaron Holker also had strong showings for BYU, placing fifth and seventh, respectively. Ruiz, a 197-pound junior, and Holker, 133 pounds, both finished with a 4-2 records.

Only one Cougar came away from the tournament with a losing record, and all had good showings.

"I was really impressed (with the team)," Smart said. "I think we're on track to win the WAC."

Although the Cougars have had top-10 recruiting classes for the past three years, many of the recruits have left early to serve LDS missions. This year marks the first return of a top-10 class, and Schultz said he is impressed with its performance so far.

"This is the best tournament we've had since I've been at BYU," Schultz said. It won't be long before Smart will another shot at White. The Cougars will be hosting Boise State on Saturday in the Smith Fieldhouse.

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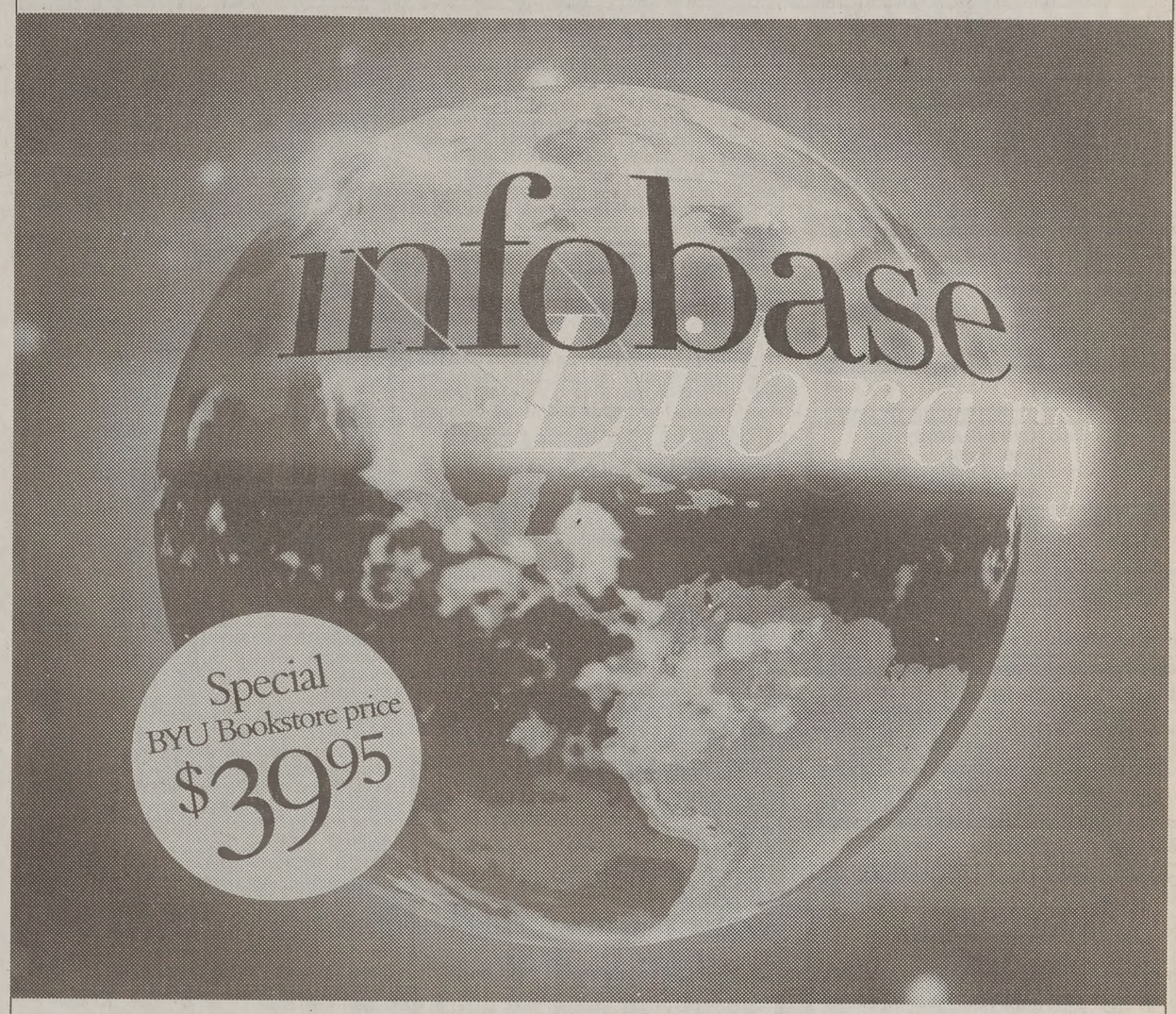

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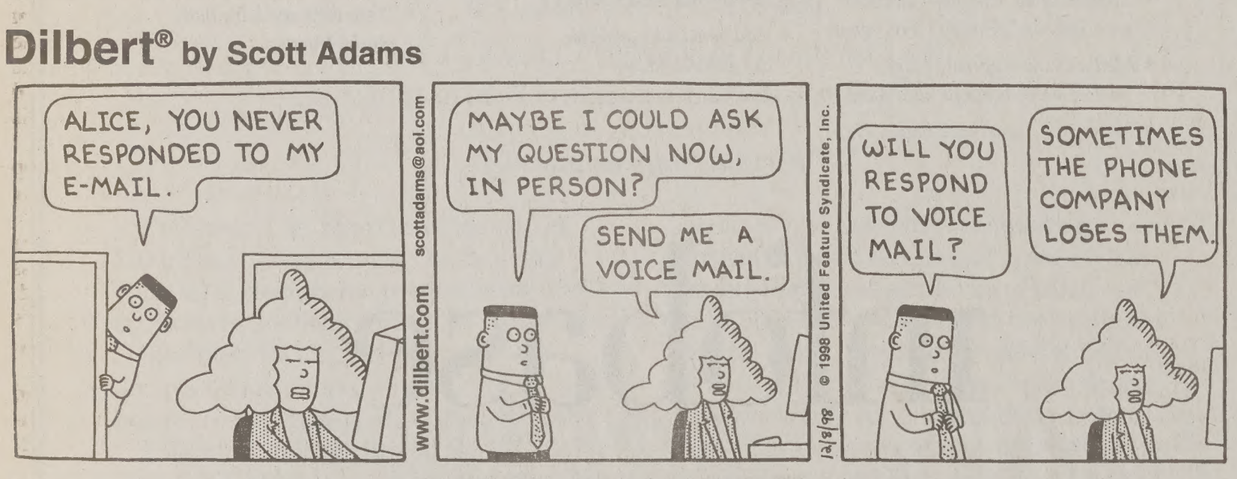
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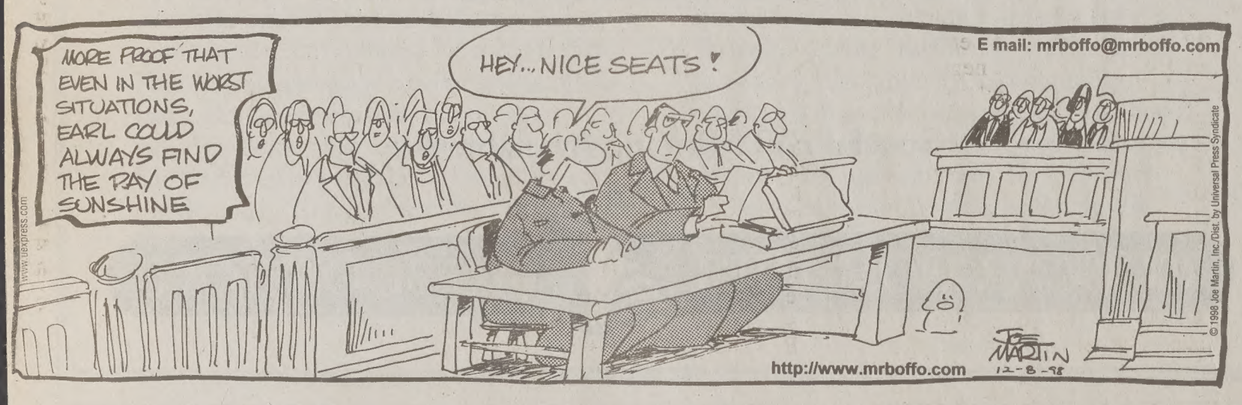
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Protesting duo boos alcohol sales in Draper

Associated Press

DRAPER, Utah — A pair of anti-alcohol crusaders are preparing to circulate petitions to ban all alcohol sales in this southeast Salt Lake County municipality.

Bruce Davis and Bryan Larson want a dry Draper, and that includes banning beer sales in supermarkets or booze in private clubs.

They believe most Draper citizens will back them on the ballot.

"This is America, and people should be able to vote on stuff," Larson said.

"We're looking into what it will take to turn (our movement) into an initiative. If we put it to a vote, I suspect Draper would give it a shot."

Short of a blanket ban, Larson and Davis say they could support a compromise draft ordinance limiting beer and liquor sales to the fast-growing "gateway" commercial district east of Interstate 15 on 12300 South.

"A step in the right direction" 3/8 is how Davis characterizes the alcohol-zone ordinance being drafted by City Councilmen John Shakula and Paul McCarty.

The zone would encompass Guadalahonky's Mexican Restaurant, the only establishment in Draper that serves beer, wine and liquor under a permit the City Council approved 11 years ago.

Outside the zone, beer is served in the restaurant at South Mountain Golf Club and is sold at a smattering of grocery and convenience stores.

Those permits would not be affected by the proposed ordinance.

McCarty insists the planned zone is not the result of pressure from anti-alcohol advocates.

He says Draper's new city manager, Jim Smith, brought extensive experience to the city and created a list of ordinances — including the call for an alcohol district — that could be adopted to prevent battles over projects and practices.

The next skirmish could take place Tuesday night, when the council is expected to close a loophole that nearly allowed liquor to be served in the clubhouse restaurant at South Mountain Golf Club.

Earlier this summer, Mayor Richard Alsop told a hopping-mad council he mistakenly signed an approval for the proposal.

To prevent any future foul-ups, the new ordinance would require council endorsement before the mayor could ink any deal.

In November, the teetotaling Kimball, a former Mormon bishop, stood alone on the five-member council in support of South Mountain's request to serve liquor in its clubhouse restaurant.

"He is a hypocrite. Here's a guy who pitches himself as a card-carrying member of the dominant faith but he consistently votes pro-alcohol," Davis said.

IRS helps innocent spouses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Divorced or legally separated people facing tax difficulties because their spouse failed to pay taxes should have an easier time getting relief under guidelines announced Monday.

The rules, which arose from the IRS reform law Congress passed last summer, are aimed at preventing people from suffering if their former partner made a mistake, cheated on taxes or simply refused to pay Uncle Sam.

"This is an important step that provides new avenues of relief in extraordinary situations to married or formerly married taxpayers," said Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers.

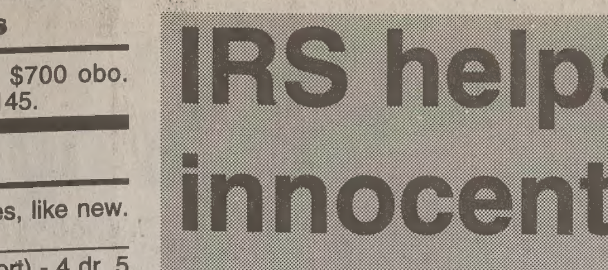
The interim rules will permit the Internal Revenue Service to decide a backlog of 2,000 requests for "innocent spouse" relief that were pending before the reform law was passed in July. The rules will be used until they are replaced by final guidelines next year.

The new forms and instructions for all taxpayers will be ready by the end of December.

Under the tax code, married people filing joint income tax returns are each liable for taxes owed and assessments arising from an audit, interest and penalties. Existing law provided some relief for innocent spouses, but qualifying was fairly strict.

The new law provides outright relief for spouses who can establish they didn't know taxes were not being paid, and for situations among the divorced and separated in which an additional tax is clearly the other spouse's responsibility.

The IRS did not have guidelines for a new "equitable relief" category for people who could suffer even if they knew their spouse wasn't paying taxes.



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1867: Brigham Young requests that bishops reorganize Relief Societies within their wards. The groups had been disbanded during the Utah War.

1988: Plans for a three-story expansion wing under way for the Talmage Mathematical Science/Computer Building. The new wing, which has three stories and a basement, will be built on the west side of the Talmage Building, taking up part of the west parking lot.

1994: John Hughes, BYU journalism professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning former editor of the Christian Science Monitor, announces plans to take a leave of absence from teaching to serve as personal media adviser to Boutros Boutros-Ghali, United Nations Secretary General.

Plans develop to save Yosemite

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department announced Monday it will develop a broad plan to protect Yosemite National Park from overcrowding and the problems caused by a growing number of visitors and their automobiles.

The plan, a draft of which is expected to be ready for review by next May, would consolidate efforts already under way dealing with transportation, housing and commercial development and land use at the popular northern California park.

"It's time to take a couple of steps back and bundle these plans together," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

He said the crunch of visitors and their automobiles is threatening "one of the really extraordinary places in this country."

There were more than 4.1 million visitors to Yosemite in 1996, and the number of visitors and vehicle traffic continues to grow, causing congestion and air pollution in the Yosemite Valley.

Massive flooding in the park in 1997 prompted officials to take a closer look at congestion and other problems as part of the restoration effort.

"At times the valley reminds you very much of being in Times Square in midsummer," Babbitt told a news conference, where he was joined by three environmental leaders in announcing the new Yosemite initiative.

He said details would be worked out in the coming months.

He also said he hoped to have a draft plan "before the snow melts" to address Yosemite's congestion problems in a comprehensive way.

California's growth alone "increases our responsibility that special places like Yosemite are not trampled in the next century," said Bill Meadows, president of the Wilderness Society.

"We have to find a way to rescue (the park) from gridlock and commercialization," he said.

Environmental groups, including the Wilderness Society, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the National Parks and Conservation Association, have urged development of a new plan "that looks at Yosemite issues in a concerted, coordinated way," Babbitt said.

"The key to restoring Yosemite to a semblance of its natural splendor is dealing with (the problem of) too many cars," said Babbitt.

Crew assembles space station

First two sections connected

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — The first two building blocks of the international space station were firmly hooked together and soaring high above the Earth Monday, awaiting a visit from two spacewalking astronauts to attach electrical connectors and cables between the parts.

During the 6 1/2-hour spacewalk, scheduled to begin Monday evening, astronauts Jerry Ross and James Newman hooked up 40 connectors to supply power to the fledgling outpost. Newman likened the job to construction work.

"Essentially we're putting an office building together," he explained.

Two other spacewalks are planned during the 12-day assembly mission, to install handrails and other tools for future crews.

The first two space station parts — the Russian-built Zarya control module and American-made Unity chamber — were connected on Sunday, creating a seven-story tower out of the cargo bay of the shuttle Endeavour. The joined modules will be released from the shuttle once all of the spacewalks are completed.

The components were linked as Endeavour soared 240 miles over the South Pacific.

Astronaut Nancy Currie used the shuttle's robot arm to grab hold of Zarya (Russian for Sunrise) and position it several inches directly above Unity. Then shuttle commander Robert Cabana fired Endeavour's thrusters, raising it enough for the docking mechanisms on the two station components to snap together.

"We have capture of Zarya," Cabana announced the moment the pieces came together.

"Congratulations to the crew of the good ship Endeavour," replied Mission Control. "That's terrific."

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The task took several hours because the two parts needed to be perfectly aligned before they were joined, and the pieces are so big — 77-feet long with a combined mass of 70,000 pounds — that the astronauts had to rely on a computerized vision system and camera views, rather than direct line of sight.

This was the first time such a "blind" docking had ever been attempted, and Currie was credited with a flawless performance — lining up the parts so they were only half a degree and less than an inch off-center.

A problem was detected with two antennas on the Zarya module that failed to deploy. The antennas must be unfurled in order for Zarya's backup docking system to work. That system won't be needed before next summer, but NASA is considering having Ross and Newman unroll them during a spacewalk.

A Zarya battery also was not working properly, but the astronauts took up a replacement part.

Despite the glitches, NASA officials lauded the first step of space station assembly as a success.

"This is history," said Frank Culbertson, deputy program manager for space station operations. "Bringing these two components together in this way ... I think this is a good omen for what's coming ahead."

NASA estimates 43 more launches and 159 more spacewalks will be needed to assemble the entire orbiting complex, scheduled for completion in 2004. Once constructed, the station will have a mass of 1 million pounds, be longer than a football field and house up to seven astronauts and cosmonauts.

Diabetics' test less painfully

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of diabetics who must prick their fingers several times each day to check their blood sugar may soon get some relief: The government approved the first at-home laser Monday for less painful blood tests.

Cell Robotics Inc.'s laser, called Lasette, uses a powerful beam of light to vaporize a tiny hole in the fingers of children and adult diabetics, so they can perform the blood tests vital to keep their diabetes in check.

The Food and Drug Administration said doctors may prescribe Lasette for use at home in place of the tiny razors, called lancets, that diabetics now use to prick their fingers anywhere from four to 12 times a day.

"I expect this will be a big quality-of-life deal for many diabetics," said Dr. Susan Alpert, FDA's chief of medical device evaluation. "Patients report that it is more comfortable for them, and they're thrilled."

Diabetics' bodies cannot regulate glucose, or blood sugar. Millions stay alive by controlling their glucose with insulin shots, which they time by pricking their fingers to check their blood sugar. The repeated finger-pricks are painful, particularly on children's tiny fingers.

But an estimated 70 percent of diabetics fail to test themselves daily. That neglect is dangerous — because the tighter control diabetics maintain on their blood sugar, the less likely they are to suffer blindness, heart disease and other complications of the disease.

Diabetics have been hoping for noninvasive or minimally invasive ways to test their glucose levels, but that technology is at least several years away. The laser, however, is a step toward more pain-free testing.

"The laser has the capacity to (test) without causing any of the pain. Therefore, people are more apt to use it, ... which would be incredibly important," said American Diabetes Association President Dr. Gerald Bernstein.

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But diabetes experts warned the laser may prove too expensive for many patients. And even though it's just the size of a VCR tape, it's still too big for many people to conveniently carry around all day.

"If it's atrociously expensive, it will not be accessible," warned Dr. Bob Goldstein of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The battery-powered laser sits on a table. Patients stick their finger into a slot and push a button. The laser light then vaporizes a tiny patch of skin, creating a tiny hole the same size that lancets normally create but without the bruising that a lancet causes, said Cell Robotics Vice President Travis Lee.

Diabetics then test the drop of blood that comes out, just as they do now.

"People claim they either feel nothing or feel considerably less pain than with a lancet," Lee said. And patients said their fingers weren't sore and bruised the next day, he said.

Scientific studies showed the laser-tested patients had their fingers heal just as fast as other diabetics, FDA's Alpert said.

Cell Robotics actually makes two types of the laser. Shipping of a specially sized, at-home version won't begin until next year. But diabetics who don't want to wait can immediately begin buying a larger, more complex version the company sells to doctors' offices, for $2,000, Lee said.

The special at-home version will cost less, but he wouldn't give a price.

A year's supply of lancets, in contrast, costs about $150.

Parents should make sure children don't play with the laser or use it unsupervised, Alpert warned. Although it is designed to minimize chances that the powerful light beam will hit anything other than the patient's finger, "it's not a toy. ... It is a laser and it can cause injuries," she said.

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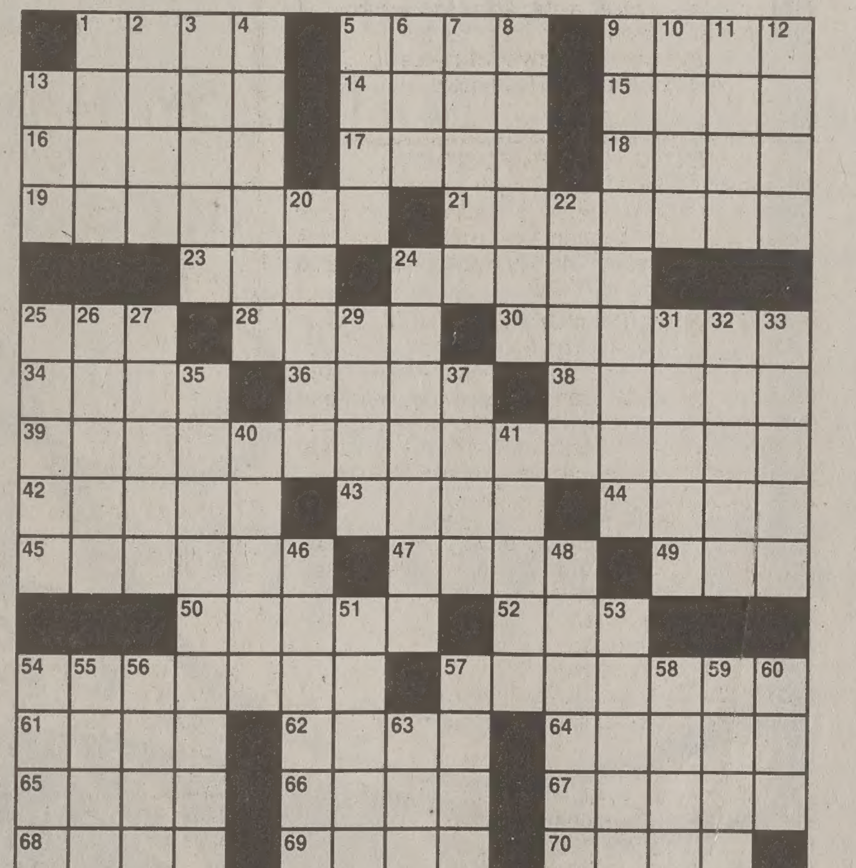

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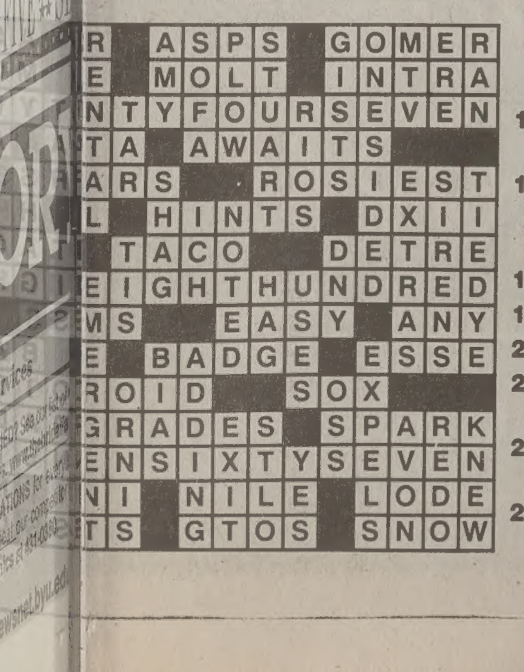

S.C. Microsoft suit dropped

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina will withdraw from the antitrust suit against Microsoft because officials think the recent $2.4 billion merger of America Online with Netscape shows the software market is competitive.

The high-profile defection announced Monday from the group of 20 states that sued Microsoft Corp. marks a victory for the software maker, which contends antitrust action is unwarranted following the merger agreement announced last month.

"I can no longer justify our continued involvement or the expenditure of state resources on a trial that has been made moot by the actions of the competitive marketplace," state Attorney General Charlie Condon said.

Condon, a Republican, criticized the way the Justice Department under the Clinton administration has handled the case brought by the federal government and the states.

"It has become clear that the government's case has been about Internet competitors, not about consumers," Condon said. "The government's witnesses are either Microsoft's competitors or paid government experts."

The case initially centered on government allegations that Microsoft unfairly used its market power to force computer makers to accept its Internet browser bundled with its Windows 95 operating system.

The government and the states contend the move damaged the ability of Netscape, which has the rival Navigator browser, to compete.

Netscape and AOL late last month agreed to merge as well as form an alliance with Sun Microsystems Inc., a Microsoft rival whose Java program is designed to allow computer program work across different operating systems.

AOL, already the nation's largest provider of Internet access and online service, would gain important advantages in its battle with Microsoft Corp. to dominate the main Internet sites where people get information and buy goods.

Microsoft's lead trial lawyer, John Warden, has said the merger should bring an end to the lawsuit, but the Justice Department said it had no intention of dropping the case.

There is plenty of competition on the Internet, Condon said. "Anyone who has been Christmas shopping lately knows that we are seeing rapid innovation and falling prices in the technology industry," he said.

In addition to South Carolina, the other states that sued Microsoft are California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Microsoft, based in Redmond, Wash., had no immediate response.

Netanyahu avoids political showdown

Israeli premier delays vote for at least one week

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Facing possible defeat over a bill calling for early elections, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu maneuvered his way out of a showdown Monday that might have ended his time in office.

With a majority of legislators poised to vote in favor of the bill during the first of three readings scheduled Monday, Netanyahu engineered a motion of no-confidence in his own government, a move that delays the vote for at least a week.

The bill is considered an indicator of parliamentary dissatisfaction with Netanyahu. It highlighted the premier's struggles to hold together his crumbling coalition over the latest land-for-peace agreement Israel signed with the Palestinians against the wishes of the majority of his coalition.

To buy time while he held marathon negotiations with hard-line coalition members earlier, Netanyahu sent Deputy Minister Michael Eitan to the Knesset floor to start a filibuster. Eitan once set an Israeli record for filibusters, remaining on the podium for 11 hours.

Taking his own turn at the lectern after the house agreed to turn the vote into a motion of no-confidence, Netanyahu battled catcalls and interruptions from the opposition while explaining the compromise and defending his policies.

The sharpest attack delivered on the premier came from David Levy, the former foreign minister who bolted the government in January and briefly considered returning recently to help stabilize Netanyahu's coalition.

Levy accused Netanyahu of breaking agreements and publicly embarrassing him.

A preliminary reading in August passed and the bill would need to pass three additional readings before the parliament would dissolve and new elections be called.

Netanyahu has been embroiled in political crises since he signed the accord in October to cede more West Bank land to the Palestinians against the wishes of a majority of his coalition.

The latest turmoil comes less than a week before President Clinton is to arrive and preside over the next phase of the accord. However, Netanyahu has frozen further troop withdrawals, saying the Palestinians have violated the accord.

By suspending progress, Netanyahu lost the safety net of the dovish Labor party in parliament, which had guaranteed to foil right-wing attempts to topple his government as long as he was implementing the accord.

Labor party leader Ehud Barak said a vote to bring down the Netanyahu government would not halt the peace process.

Justice Minister Tsahi Hanegbi argued that if Netanyahu is not given a majority to implement the withdrawals "the peace process will have to wait until the new elections," he told The Associated Press.

The Israeli parliament was also due to consider changing the country's electoral system back to the previous method. Netanyahu is Israel's first directly elected prime minister. Israelis cast two ballots in 1996, one for prime minister and one for a party to be represented in the parliament, instead of a single ballot for a party as in the past.

Authors of the bill withdrew it at the last moment, fearing that it would not get the support of an absolute majority of members as required for passage.

Analysts say the new system has destroyed the power base of the two main Israeli parties, Netanyahu's Likud and Barak's Labor, opening the door to dozens of small single-interest parties that wield a disproportionate amount of power.

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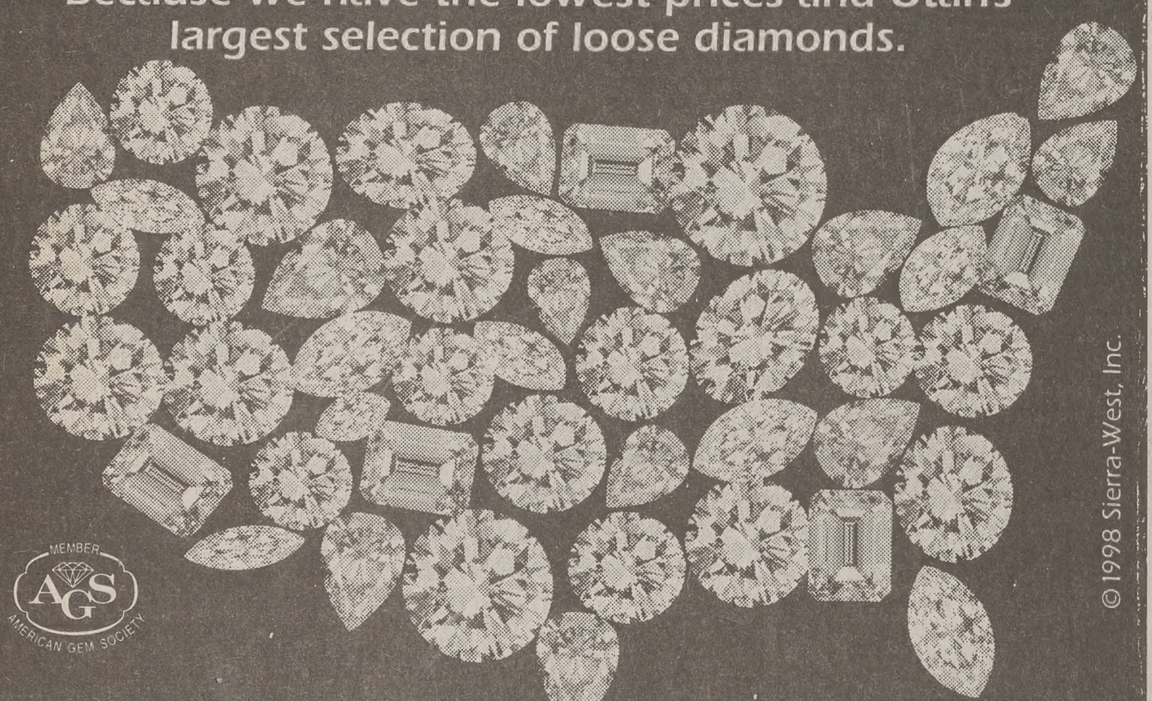

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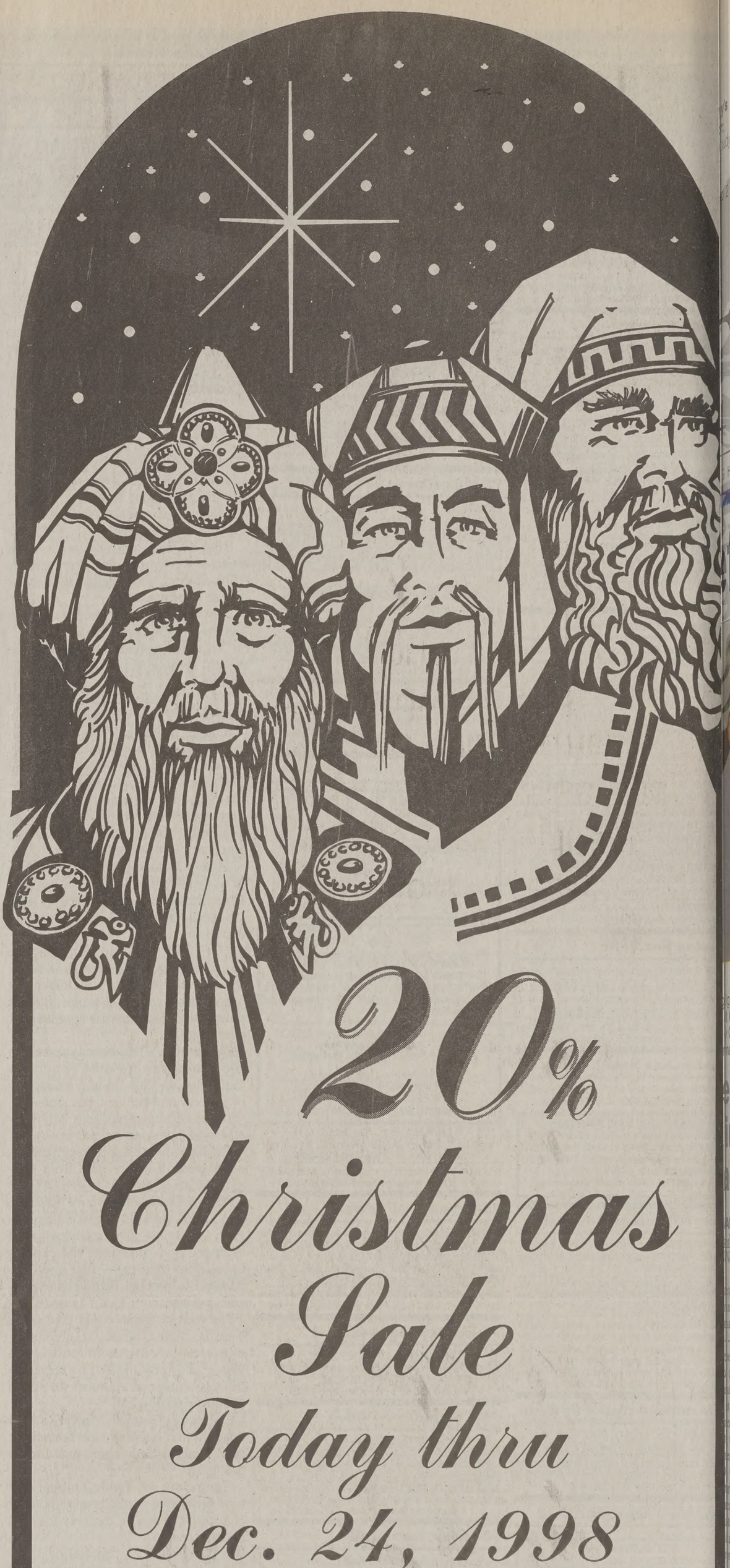
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